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Clubs come under fire

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A rash of violent incidents at a Venice nightclub, including a fatal shooting Aug. 23, has prompted city officials to take a closer look at drinking spots throughout the town.

Aldermen said enforcement of closing times and prohibitions against under-age drinking is necessary.

However, police say they are short-handed and cannot do much without help from an outside agency such as the Illinois State Police. In the latest incident, Madison resident Orlando Porter, 25, was charged last week with one count of first degree murder in the shooting death of Corry D. Williams, 19. Porter is in custody at the Madison County Jail, with bond set at \$500,000.

The shooting occurred at

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Parade, picnic mark anniversary of council merger

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Look for the union label striding down Madison Avenue on Monday. The biggest Labor Day bash in Madison County comes all day tomorrow as the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor Tri-City Chapter of the AFL-CIO sponsors the 18th Annual Labor Day Parade and

Picnic. "Parade assembly begins at 8 a.m., with step-off at 10 a.m. at Niedringhaus and Madison, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello is serving as grand marshal.

Jack Greer, fourth vice president for the Greater Federation of Labor, said that the parade will contain the same things residents

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First incorporation effort ends

When the Madison County Board approved Mitchell's revised map in July, the incorporators' 1997 appeal of the dismissal of a much larger map became moot.

The City of Edwardsville, joined by Granite City, filed the motion to dismiss the appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals in

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Average Temperature	79.1°	1.5° above normal
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Precautions

Parents had their children fingerprinted and photographed at a KidCare Photo ID Aug. 28 at the Venice Head Start, 502 Broadway. The event was sponsored by Family and Community Services and Magna Bank in Madison. Above, State Police Officer Jeff Gagen helps Passha Moss, fingerprint Alexisa Moss, age 1 1/2. At right, Posie the clown shares a balloon with Willie Hyster, age 1 1/2.

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With major races, Gateway keeps trucking

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The final round of testing for the upcoming Ram 200 ended Friday, and officials at Gateway International Raceway in Madison say things are going well. On Sept. 17-19, the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series will pull into Gateway for the first time. Qualifying starts on that Thursday.

The Ram 200 is the third of four major events at the track this year.

The Carquest Auto Parts 250, part of the Busch Series, Grand National Division, is set for Oct. 15-17.

Rod Wolter, president and general manager of the raceway, said plans for the truck race were moving along. "Things are really good,"



The final round of testing for the upcoming Ram 200 ended Friday at Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

Wolter said. "The drivers seem very happy with the track, how smooth it is. It's a track that's really suited for

them and the speeds they run."

He said drivers have been running at about 130-140 mph and turning in decent times.

"The trucks are a little bit slower," he said. "They're not nearly as aerodynamic (as cars). The front end of a truck is straight, it's like pushing a brick through the air."

Things will kick off 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 16 with a "Truck Fest" at Kiener Plaza in St. Louis.

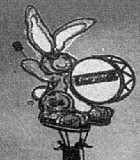
"We've got something like 12 of the teams that will be there," Wolter said. "They're going to be there in the afternoon and just prior to the ball game."

Started four years ago, the SCTS has become NASCAR's fastest growing racing circuit. Wolter said he expected between 30,000 and 35,000 to attend.

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BIG HARE IS BACK

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Letters to the Editor

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Cat adoption takes unfortunate turn

A little more than a month ago, I wrote a column about a sickly little stray cat named Mallory who had adopted us and was costing a lot of money.

It occurred to me then it would be fun to write a follow-up article in a few months to explain we were still dumping money into the cat, but it was still having trouble learning the function of a litter box.

Unfortunately I won't be writing that column because the story had an all too quick and sad ending.

We never knew where this cat came from. She could have been dumped by someone or could have been a farm cat who wandered into town.

I've come to the conclusion, however, she was probably just one of Columbia's many sewer cats.

Some of you are probably scratching your heads and saying, "Sewer cats? What is he talking about?" That was the same response I had when I was first told of their existence.

I don't profess to be an expert on the subject of either cats or sewers. In fact I would have thought cats had no interest in sewers or anything like that.

However, I've been told by informed sources that we have a population of cats who live in and around the drainage systems by Market Place. I guess that's why I've also heard these animals referred to as the "Market Place cats."

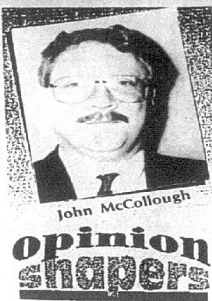
I've also been told these cats tend to be large and fairly aggressive. If our cat was an indication, that's not true. She was meek, mild and small.

These are, after all, just cats. They don't exactly travel in packs. I don't think there's cause for alarm, but I would find it extremely embarrassing to have to tell someone I'd been attacked by a sewer cat.

I'm actually glad someone told me about the stray cats who live down by Market Place. It makes me feel better about something that happened earlier this year.

One raw and blustery early spring morning I stopped by the ATM at Magna Bank. As the machine spit out my money a gust of wind blew a \$20 bill out of my hand and across the parking lot.

Although not holding out



John McCollough
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much hope, I decided to try to find it. As I walked to the edge of the lot to look down the hill, a cat who had been sleeping in a small hole in the ground flew up into the air, ran in a few circles and then down a drain pipe.

I thought, "Great, not only have I lost \$20, I've just got this poor animal stuck in a pipe."

Now I know the cat was probably just going home. I've also been told that cats are being fed by workers at the Post Office. I want to caution you this is rumor only. I don't want to be visited by some postal inspector and be questioned about the cats.

I can only assume that if this is true, private funds are being used to support the cat population. If it were to come out that federal money was being used we'd probably be faced with demands for equal treatment for squirrels, raccoons and opossums and other wild things.

I hope everyone realizes I'm just having a little fun. I really don't think we have a sewer cat problem. If we did, it would be bad for the community. You would not want your community known as "Home of the wild sewer cats."

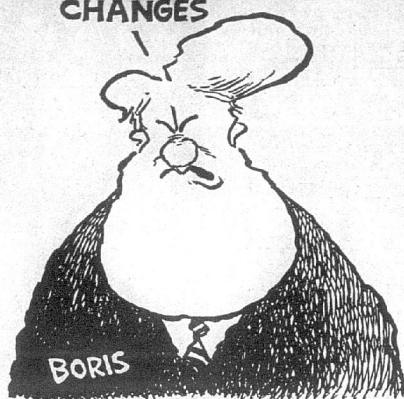
Still, whether or not there are really many of them, I'm convinced our cat was one.

As I said at the beginning,

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Opinions

I'M GOING TO MAKE A FEW COSMETIC CHANGES



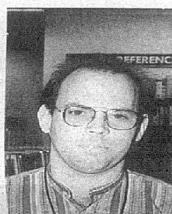
Voice Box

Do you think school should be in session year-round?



"We need more time in school; however, if there is no air conditioning or the building is not well-equipped, it would be a waste of time. It works well in Springfield; it works in the second year."

Janet Lawler, 60ish
Springfield
Retired teacher



"At the time I was in school I liked three months off. Most schools would have to change systems. Teachers are used to three months off."

Karen Krichma, 22
St. Louis
Music vendor



"Yes, With a three-month vacation, kids tend to forget. It is harder to get back in the groove and retain."

Vita Galati, 43
Sesser
Restaurant owner



"Toward August, kids get tired and want to get back to school, but summer is family vacation time."

Brenna Reed, 13
Fairview Heights
Future nurse



"Kids need a break from teachers and time to become more mature on their own. We need of time for ourselves."

Photos and interviews by Barb Helfrich
Interviewed at Borders Books and St. Albert the Great School, both in Fairview Heights

Ignoring better options in forgotten Metro East just won't fly

Someone finally had the guts to say what a lot of us have been thinking.

That someone is State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, who recently sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration criticizing plans for the St. Louis Lambert International Airport expansion.

The expansion, known as W-1W, would cost an estimated \$2.6 billion, require thousands of homeowners to move and force the relocation of major interstates.

In case you didn't notice, that's a lot of money and trouble for an expansion that will probably be obsolete within a month or two of



Scott Cousins

completion. Meanwhile, Little MidAmerica Airport sits and waits.

Holbrook said that for a quarter of the money, they

could add another runway and more than 100 gates to MidAmerica, giving the region two major airports and spurring an economic boom in the process. That's something that will not happen with a Lambert expansion simply because there is no room to boom.

The MidAmerica expansion would probably be quicker and could be expanded further with a little wise planning.

And about the only thing disrupted would be some grazing cows.

While Lambert is and will continue to be vital to the entire region, it is hopelessly landlocked.

What it really boils down to is a political fight over who gets what.

Expansion supporters will howl about how vital it is to the region, but the truth of it is this: It's vital to their part of the region, not ours.

Lets face it, Missouri politicians have been dumping on the Metro East for years. The airport expansion is just the best and latest, or depending on how you look at it, one of the oldest, examples in recent memory.

One thing I've noticed. When Illinois people talk about the region, they mean the entire St. Louis-Metro East. But when Missourians talk about the region it seems to stop

conveniently halfway across the Poplar Street Bridge.

They forget that almost a quarter of the region's population lives over here and that we provide about 30 percent of the St. Louis workforce.

The great thing about this airport question is that if those supposed "leaders" had used one iota of intelligence several decades ago, MidAmerica wouldn't exist because the Columbia-Waterloo airport would be almost two decades old by now.

You remember that, don't you? Planners envisioned a major airport in Illinois that could have expanded to meet any foreseeable need.

Instead, it was killed by Missouri politicians who couldn't stand the thought of letting a single dollar float eastward.

While relations between the two sides of the river have improved, there is still a long way to go.

Economic development specialists over here point out that the St. Louis side of the river has been built up about as far as it can go, and some St. Louis developers—especially the ones dealing with large projects—have "discovered" Illinois.

Maybe the FAA could take a lesson from that.

Letter to the editor

Zone needs more thought
TO THE EDITOR:

In the Aug. 30 issue of the *Press-Record-Journal*, Jim Hill wrote about whether or not I know where I live.

I served 16 years on the Pontoon Beach village board long before he entered the picture. I have always identified myself with Pontoon Beach even though I have a Granite City mailing address, as do most of the people in the village.

But I'm not surprised that he doesn't know that because it appears that he knew little about any of the issues that he tried to address.

His main complaint seemed to be with my response to a request by Pontoon Beach to expand a current county enterprise zone to include a 25-acre tract to create a commercial development beginning with a "country style" restaurant.

The village officials justified their request by stating that this development would create 130 new jobs. The restaurant was to take up 5 acres of the tract, but there were no firm commitments for the other 20 acres.

When the resolution was presented to the County Board during the August meeting, I voiced my concerns that the request was not very well thought out by the village officials. Pat Polly, the county board member for that area, seconded my motion to table the resolution, and we agreed that we must have more information prior to reconsideration by the County Board. We always must consider both the positive and negative impact of such developments.

On the somewhat positive side, there probably will be some new jobs created, although the number 130 seems excessive. The salaries for these types of employment are

usually at or near minimum wage, with little or no benefits—not exactly the kind of job that would attract people who are trying to support families. However, I'm sure they will be welcomed.

Also, according to the design that I saw, it will be an attractive building and a credit to the area.

On the negative side, we must consider that with this enterprise zone status, the developer will receive an abatement of all real estate taxes as a result of increasing assessed valuation due to the new restaurant and any other development that may occur in the remaining 20 acres. In other words, the taxes will remain at the current level as applied to the bare ground.

These abatements will continue for the most part for 10 years. We must always be aware that anytime a governmental body creates tax increment financing districts or enterprise zones, with their

accompanying inducements, someone has to pick up the tab, and we all know who that is, don't we? Yes, that's right, us! The property owners! As the need to provide community services in these districts and zones expands and increases, so do our taxes.

In closing, I would further enlighten Hill by telling him that the County Board has no jurisdiction over TIF districts in any of the communities that he mentioned.

I would also like to assure anyone who reads this that I do indeed know where I live. I have lived in the same house for 32 years. No, it's not a trailer on the edge of the swamp or anything like that, but it is a humble, it's a regular house.

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Madison County
Board member
Pontoon Beach

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Briefly

Fund established for victims of fire
Friends have established trust funds for two local families whose home burned to the ground Aug. 22. The fire destroyed the home of the Parris and Latchford families at 2036 Edwardsville Road on the Madison-Granite City border. No one was injured in the fire.

The Granite City and Madison fire departments responded to the call. A cause has not yet been determined, but a gas leak may be responsible. All the windows were blown out of the house.

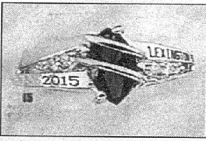
Most of the two families

were not home; one adult had taken all nine children to Wilson Park, so all the children were wearing swimming apparel. Because they didn't have any other clothing, the Red Cross has supplied them with several new outfits, a friend of the family said.

The two families currently are staying in motels on Chain of Rocks Road. The trust funds were established at Central Bank, 3303 Nameoki Road in Granite City. Donations should be sent to Central in care of the Parris Family Trust Fund and the Latchford Family Trust Fund.

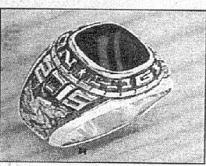
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Executive calls for increased contributions

Granite City Steel's top executive, Jim Squires, invited other business leaders from the Tri-Cities area to a breakfast meeting Aug. 25 to encourage support of this year's United Way campaign.

"We've enjoyed a strong economy in recent years, and

"It's important to our communities that we increase our contributions. The money we dedicate to help meet the social service needs of today benefits everyone and will have a positive impact on our future."

Jim Squires

our businesses are doing very well," Squires told a group of about 40. "And it's important to our communities that we increase our contributions. The money we dedicate to help meet the social service needs of today benefits everyone and will have a positive impact on our future."

At the close of the meeting, Squires presented a \$100,000 pledge from National Steel Corp. to campaign chairman Dan Brown. It's the first major corporate commitment made to help the Tri-Cities Area United Way achieve its 1998 campaign goal.

"Granite City Steel is leading the way," said Tri-Cities Area United Way Director Jan Quanton about the sizable initial campaign contribution. "Last year, their employees' Torch Club contributed \$312,000 to the United Way, and they are already working to surpass that for this campaign."

Granite City Steel Employees' Torch Club has set a goal of gaining an additional \$50,000 in contributions for this year.

More than \$10,000 of new



Far above, from left: John Fruit, Magna Bank NA; Jim Squires, CEO of Granite City Steel; Charmaine Chapman, United Way of Greater St. Louis; and Chuck Mueller, AmerenUE were among those at a breakfast meeting to encourage support for the United Way. At right, Dan Brown, left, United Way campaign chairman for the Tri-Cities Area, accepts a pledge from Squires.



Photos courtesy of Bob Maxwell

money already has been pledged by new members or by current members, increasing their amount of payroll deductions to the Torch Club, said Paul Costello, GCS employee and Torch Club board chairman.

Squires, who serves on the United Way of Greater St. Louis Board and the Tri-Cities Area United Way Board, is a staunch advocate of businesses investing back into the communities where they are located.

It's a philosophy that makes good business sense, said Charmaine Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. In her speech at the breakfast meeting, Chapman said that when companies invest in the social environment of their businesses through the United Way, their contributions ensure an effective delivery of the right services to meet the community's most critical needs.

Last year the United Way of Greater St. Louis formed a relationship with the Tri-Cities Area United Way to increase efficiencies in the organization and to reduce duplicate drives held in St. Louis Metro East counties.

The reciprocal relationship brought an extra \$74,000 to the Tri-Cities Area United Way in 1997, said John Fruit of Magna Bank to attendees. The positive benefits are expected to increase.

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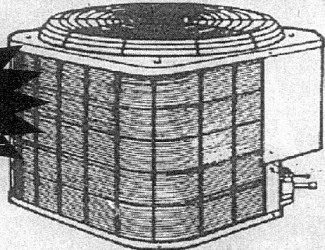
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Man nabbed for alleged connection to porn ring

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involved," Bradford said. He said all the man's pornography is believed to have been downloaded, uploaded and transferred on the Internet but not independently produced.

"The child pornography aspect is repulsive. People tend to think this doesn't happen in sleepy, little Glen Carbon. But with today's technology advances, we're a worldwide community."

The child pornography ring first hit close to home earlier last week when a U.S. Customs search of a mobile home in St. Charles, Mo., turned up evidence of involvement in the Wonderland Club and several guns, pipe bombs, grenades and other weapons.

Scott R. Ahlemeler, 34, of St. Charles, was arrested on child pornography charges. More than 100 people were arrested nationwide last week, and many more arrests are expected throughout the world by authorities.

U.S. Customs officials did not return phone messages on Thursday.

Raids have occurred in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States.

Raids have included California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

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Obituaries

Ada Borth

ADA (SYKES) BORTH, 70, of Granite City died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998, at St. Louis University Hospital. She was born April 25, 1928, in Granite City.

Mrs. Borth retired as a clerk at Reeses Drug Store.

Survivors include her sons, James "Russ" Borth of Normal, and Gilbert Borth of Granite City; one brother, Gilbert Sykes of Collinsville; two sisters, Verlyan, Byrd of Granite City, and Reba Monroe of Glen Carbon; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Derek, Susanne and Naomi. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Borth; her parents, Gilbert and Fiola (Cottrell) Sykes; and two sisters, Clara McDaniel and Arnie Barfield.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 5, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. William Schannon officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Danny Boyer

DANNY R. "JOHN" BOYER, 51, of Alhambra died Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, at his residence. He was born March 31, 1947, in Granite City.

Mr. Boyer was a retired truck driver, and was a member of Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union 525 in Alton.

Survivors include his wife, Rita (Borstmeyer) Boyer; two daughters, Michelle Boyer and Jennifer Boyer, both of Alhambra; three sisters, Joyce Gibson of Granite City, Betty Weisman of Cleveland, Ohio, and Richard Greer of Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mildred (Adams) Boyer; and two brothers, Leo Robertson and Edward Boyer Jr.

Services are pending are at Duane's Mortuary in Alhambra.

Mariah Crain

MARIAH CRAIN of Granite City died Thursday, Sept. 3, 1998, at Oliver Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Survivors include her mother, Tracy Crain of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Pamela Crain of Granite City; and maternal great-grandparents, Walter and Sarah Hepler of Troy, Tenn.

Graveside services were Saturday, Sept. 5, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. John Gambin officiating. Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Dottie Ditto

DOTTIE M. (FOOTE) DITTO, 36, of Granite City died Monday, Aug. 31, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. Ditto was born March 18, 1960, in Granite City. She was employed at the Granite City Waffle House and at Wilson Park Estates as a manager, was a Cub Scouts Den Leader of Pack 1 in Venice and Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts Leader in Pratt and was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Daren Ditto; parents, Richard and Pat Foote Sr.; one son, Timothy Britt of Granite City; one daughter, Jennifer Mosser of Granite City; and one brother, Scott Foote of Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Richard Foote Jr.; paternal grandparents, Talmadge (Pete) and Edna Foote; and maternal grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Ousley, Jr.

Visitation was Wednesday, Sept. 2, in Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services were Thursday, Sept. 3, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Rose Hermonot officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the Job's Daughters' Scholarship Fund, Trail West Boy Scout Council or St. Peter United Church of Christ Hymnal Fund.

Kenneth Huntley

KENNETH C. HUNTLEY, 64, of Granite City died Thursday, Sept. 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Huntley was born March 26, 1934, in New Canton. He was a retired machinist from American Steel Foundry and a member of the St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace workers.

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Kendall Hill issue placed on ballot

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Kendall Hill voters will have a chance to decide Nov. 3 whether to annex to Wood River, a judge ruled Monday after no objections appeared at a court hearing.

Although the measure attracted some vocal opposition at a recent City Council meeting, the absence of objections at the hearing allowed Associate Judge Randall Bono to sign the order after a hearing of less than a minute.

"It was merely a formality," Rene Butler, a lawyer from the city attorney's office, said. She said any objection would have had the choice of one of three legal reasons to object:

— The property is not contiguous to the city.
— The people on the outer edges of the area proposed for annexation could have asked to opt out of the vote.

— The proposed order was not drafted properly.

"Believe me, we dotted our i's and crossed our t's," Butler said.

About 200 residents showed up Aug. 10 at a Wood River City Council meeting to try to persuade the council to halt the process of putting the measure on the ballot. They claimed they had numerous signatures on a petition against even voting on the question. Residents also said Wood River provides poor services, such as street repair and fire protection.

Mayor Lon Smith said Aug. 10 he is proud of

"It will lose by a vast majority. Some estimates are that it will lose by 80 percent."

Timothy D. Berkley
Lawyer

the city's record and characterized the people at the meeting as a "vocal minority."

But Timothy D. Berkley, a lawyer from the 500 block of Kendall Drive, said opponents are anything but a vocal minority.

"It will lose by a vast majority. Some estimates are that it will lose by 80 percent," Berkley said.

Berkley said he agreed with Butler that reasons for objecting are limited, so there would be little reason to object in court, since it appeared inevitable that the measure is going to end up on the ballot, anyway.

Smith, in an interview Monday, said he and other city officials were approached by several Kendall Hill residents, who asked to put the question on the ballot. He said now that the matter is being put up for a vote, the city will present facts, but will not try to persuade residents one way or another.

"We just decided to let them vote," he said. "We're not after them, but we're not going to deny them, either."

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Clubs come under fire here

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the entrance to Club Venice, located at 740 Broadway.

The nightclub has been the scene of a number of violent incidents in the past year, including at least one other shooting.

At Tuesday's meeting, aldermen said problems at that club — and others in the city — need to be addressed.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said he had received complaints about under-age drinking, unruly crowds and illegal parking near several nightclubs.

"I'm usually in bed by 10 (p.m.), so I don't know that these things are going on unless someone complains," he said. "If I could ever stay up past 10, I'd go there myself."

He had asked Police Chief James Newsome to poll residents near Club Venice.

Newsome said neighbors complained about trash and bottles. He also said they were opposed to later closing hours for the club.

Echols said the owners had asked for a 4 a.m. closing time, which was turned down. He also said he planned to meet with club owners.

"It's not just for Club Venice," he added.

"We've had problems with all of them." Several aldermen complained that the clubs were staying open past the 2 p.m. closing time.

"I've gone by there at 2:30 a.m., 2:45 a.m., and nobody's out," said Alderman Victor Valentine. "I'm sick and tired of seeing that. It's not so much the taverns, it's the people in the tavern."

Newsome said that they generally give tavern owners about 15 minutes after closing to clear out customers.

One problem with enforcement is that because of injuries and training classes, the city police department is short-handed.

Several aldermen cited large crowds around Garrett's Cut-Rate on Baucum Avenue on Tuesday evenings. Alderman Henry Fletcher said several hundred people have gathered outside the tavern, making enforcement difficult and possibly dangerous for the single police officer on duty at that time.

Newsome said that they should be getting some help from the Illinois State Police in the near future, and he hoped to be able to step up enforcement.

Echols also said in the past, when a nightclub had a violent incident, they were required to close for a week. He said a new version of that law might be necessary.



A band marches in last year's parade

Parade marks anniversary of merger

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come out to see every year. Trophies will be awarded for the best float and marching band, he said.

This year's parade will be the 10th anniversary of the merger of the Central Labor Council of Alton-Wood River, Collinsville-Edwardsville and Tri-City Areas.

"Ten years ago there were three different councils, and one didn't know what the other one was doing, so the International Council thought it better to have one big council for Madison County," he said. There are still local chapters though, and Monday's parade is sponsored by the Granite City area chapter.

Besides the parade, a tug-o-war, music, beer, soda, food and other entertainment are offered, as well as a car show featuring vehicles in the 25 year or older class. The Wilson Park Pool will be available free for union members and their families and guests from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.

A few other events are on tap for Monday, though not connected to the union events. Roadway Express trucking company will have its "No Zone" trailer available in the park near the high school. The No Zone truck helps teach motorists how to drive around big trucks and stay outside the areas where the truck driver cannot see other drivers. Food, a deejay and attendance prizes will be offered.

The Granite City Police Department also will be holding a car show in Wilson Park.

First incorporation effort officially ends

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The move does not affect the incorporation petition currently before a Madison County judge for consideration

— but merely brings to an official end Mitchell supporters' first incorporation effort.

A hearing on the new petition is set for Dec. 17. The County Board approved Mitchell's 7.28-square-mile

map in July. Now, a Madison County judge must decide whether the new map meets population requirements and whether to put the matter on the April 1999 ballot.

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EHS test scores top state, nation

By Linda N. Weller
Staff writer

Edwardsville High School's ACT test scores continued to outpace those at the state and national levels last school year, despite the high number of juniors taking the test.

Some 300 students out of the 439-member class of 1999 took the exam, earning an average composite score of 22.8. That score was slightly higher than that of the previous year at EHS — 22.7 — and more than 1 point higher than state and national composite scores. Those scores were 21.4 and 21, respectively.

"We're proud of them," said Richard Pilney, chairman of the guidance department. "Students in Illinois always outpace the national level, and we outpace the state."

Pilney said he did not know how long

EHS' scores would continue going up. "The concern I have is how long can we continue increasing scores. Anytime we have this number of students taking the test that is a huge number to deal with. Each year, the number of students considering college careers increases," which could be expected to lower the average scores, Pilney said.

"It's unusual for nearly three-fourths of the class to take the test," he said. The ACT is a standardized examination taken by high school students nationwide. Although college-bound students primarily take the ACT, some students planning to go to work or in the military also take the exams. Community colleges do not require students to take the ACT, but they are used in placing students in their courses, Pilney said.

"Over the years, we've tried to analyze why our scores are significantly

better," he said. "The Edwardsville school system is a great one. On the part of the community, there is a demand for good education. The expectations are higher."

The district is continuing to draw good students because of its reputation as being a good school, Pilney said. A breakdown of this year's scores follows, with 1996-97 scores in parentheses:

English, 22.1 (22.1);
mathematics, 22 (22.6);
reading, 22.8 (23.3);
science reasoning, 22.6 (22.4).
State and national scores are in parentheses:
English, 20.7 (20.4);
mathematics, 21.4 (20.8);
reading, 21.5 (21.4);
science, 21.4 (21.1).

Cat adoption takes unfortunate turn

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this story does not have a happy ending. On the afternoon the paper was delivered with the column about the cat, she wandered off.

What timing! Her medical problems had not improved, nor had her interest in the litter box. Even with all of her shortcomings, we'd become attached to her.

We thought she'd come wandering back in a day or two. When she didn't, my wife called the vet's office to tell them to be on the lookout for her.

There was a pause on the line before she was told they had a cat they thought was Mallory. She had been brought in the night before on an emergency. She'd been hit by

a car.

I don't know who brought her in. Whoever it was I'd like to thank them. She was well taken care of in her last hours. The people at the animal hospital were very nice. In a thoughtful gesture, they sent us their condolences and made a donation on our behalf to the Humane Society.

So the Mallory chapter is over. It was brief, expensive and unsuccessful, but other than that, it was a memorable experience.

We haven't decided yet about getting another cat. If we do, it probably won't be one of those wild Columbia sewer cats.

John McCollough is an attorney in St. Louis with the firm of Evans and Dixon. He lives in Columbia with his wife and 9-year-old son.

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Events keep Gateway on track for season

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"We've been told that a lot of the people for the truck race are walk-ups (ticket buyers)," he said. "We don't really have a feel for that until we've had one."

Wolter said they also are moving ahead with plans to add 60,000 more permanent seats in the coming year. That would give the oval

track approximately 90,000 permanent seats.

"Track officials said they hope to bring a Winston Cup Series NASCAR race to the track by 2000. The top series in NASCAR racing, said the race would require space for approximately 100,000 fans.

Wolter also said they are considering lighting the track, but that would require lighting the main parking areas.

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Many remain on the job on Labor Day

Growing service industry means less of a holiday for many area workers

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

Though Labor Day is a day of rest for most, a growing number of people will find themselves punching a time clock this Monday.

Because the workplace is increasingly dominated by service-oriented industries and many facilities are open to the public on holidays, fewer workers have the day off. One such employee is Dr. Bang-Orn Gira, an obstetrician at Christian Hospital Northeast.

Gira, who has been with the hospital for 25 years, said working holidays and long hours is nothing new to her.

"People have babies at all times of the day and night. There's nothing that can be done about that. You just never know when something is

going to happen and you have to be prepared," she said.

Gira said she enjoys her work, and doesn't mind coming in on the holiday.

"I love my work. That's why I've been doing it all this time. There are times it gets hectic, but in the end, it's always rewarding," she said.

Her labor will include a 24-hour shift, which she said is quite rare, and probably not as testing as it seems.

"We have a room we can go to to get away when things are slow, so that is a big help. You can rest, or do whatever you need to do. It's not like it's 24 hours of constant working," she said.

Black Jack Fire Chief Robert Coffman, who has headed the department for five years, said he has this Labor Day off but has pulled his share of holidays during his

days in firefighting.

"I'm going on 32 years in this business. I've put in my share of 24-hour shifts on holidays. It's not quite like staying home with your family, but it's not as bad as it might seem," he said.

Coffman said the fire district will have a team of 11 in place this Labor Day, and that the holiday is more of a laid-back time on the job than the average working day.

"That is, unless some emergency alarms come in, then the job becomes a challenge," he said.

Coffman said that though working a holiday is not always ideal, it does come with the business.

"Our crew knew coming in that they would have to work holidays and weekends. But it turns out OK for everyone. The guys don't have to work

"When I walk through that front door on Labor Day, to me, it'll be just another shift."

Frank Grassmuck

every holiday. They take turns, and they cover for each other," he said.

Crystal Harmon, who works at Burger King on Dunn Road in North County, said she will be working Labor Day as well.

"My hours will probably be from 5:30 in the morning until one o'clock in the afternoon," she said.

Harmon works the drive-through window at the restaurant, her first full-time job. She said she has no qualms about working Labor Day.

"I don't mind too much, I

enjoy the work. I get to meet a lot of nice people, and the time goes by pretty fast. It will probably be busy," she said.

Harmon said she will still have enough time after work to enjoy a barbecue dinner with her family.

Capt. Frank Grassmuck of the Moline Fire District also will work a 24-hour Labor Day shift.

"I work a lot of holidays. This year I'll work Labor Day, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve," he said.

Grassmuck said it's hard to tell how busy they'll be. On

Labor Day many of the calls result from barbecues, he said.

"A lot of our Labor Day calls might be Dumpster fires from people tossing charcoal in it. They might think it's safe, but sometimes the charcoal is still hot," he said.

Grassmuck said since he's single and doesn't have a family, he doesn't mind letting some of the other guys have the day off.

"It means more to them than me right now. When I walk through that front door on Labor Day, to me, it'll be just another shift," he said.

State Police take aim at traffic

Special patrols busy this weekend

By Jason White
Staff writer

The Illinois State Police is working to target traffic offenses that trigger fatal crashes this Labor Day weekend.

State troopers will be teaming up to work 220 special patrols throughout the state. Increased staffing will double the number of officers patrolling the highways.

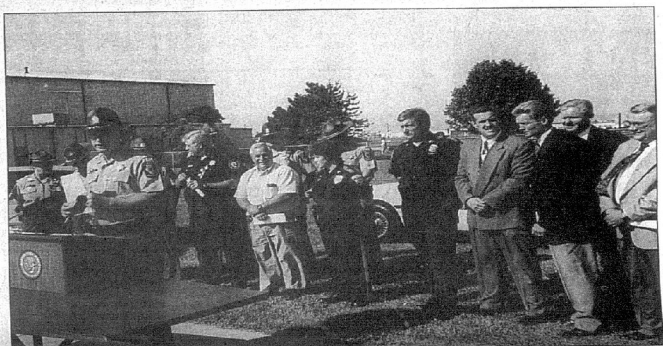
The patrols include air speed checks, 11 roadside safety checks statewide and drunk driving patrols.

Locally, there will be roadside safety checks in Clinton and Madison.

"The goal of the patrols will target speeding, DUI and aggressive driving."

"We're going to have a specific emphasis on road rage and aggressive driving," said District 11 Commander Maj. Lonnie Inlow at a press conference Thursday at Farkas Airport in Cahokia.

Col. Tom Yokley, deputy director of the operations division, said state troopers will have a "zero tolerance" policy on seat belt



Col. Tom Yokley of the Illinois State Police announces an initiative to cut down on the number of traffic deaths for the Labor Day weekend.

violations.

Of the 14 motorists who died on state roadways Memorial Day, not one was wearing a seatbelt, Yokley said.

"Needless to say, safety belts do make a difference," he said.

"The fine for not wearing a seatbelt is \$25."

Motorists also need to wake up to the fact that

driving sleepy is as hazardous as driving drunk, officials said.

"We're encouraging people to take periodic stops on their travels," Yokley said.

"Anytime one gets a little bit sleepy, they should pull off."

Among the tools state troopers are using this weekend are an undercover Ford Mustang, a

laser-assisted radar gun that can't be detected and the Breath Analysis Testing van.

Yokley praised local law enforcement for contributing to the decrease in fatalities this year — 49 fewer people have died than last year.

"If it wasn't for local law enforcement, I don't know if our figures would look nearly as good as they have been," Yokley said.

State reorganizes local patrol operations

By Jason White
Staff writer

The Illinois State Police has reorganized District 11, which serves Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

The reorganization eliminates investigations and patrol commanders and creates a single commander's position with oversight of both areas.

Capt. Diana Sievers has joined District 11 and is responsible for complete integration of these two functions into the district and the implementation of the district's new patrol strategy.

Another change divides sworn officers into two geographic sections — Field Operations North and South and a

Special Investigative Operations section.

Operations South, commanded by Acting Lt. Rich Woods, is responsible for Monroe and St. Clair counties.

Operations North, commanded by Acting Lt. Rich Woods, is responsible for Bond, Clinton and Madison counties.

The Special Investigative Operations section is commanded by Lt. Terry Imelius.

"The goal of the reorganization is to energize employees toward solving problems, making timely decisions and accepting responsibility," said Acting Capt. Chuck Brueggemann, the new executive officer of the district.

"Having the same assignment every day will allow the officers to take responsibility for the incidents which

occur, and provide solutions to the problems they encounter."

The master sergeants assigned to each region will be responsible for daily operations within the county. They will serve as problem identifiers, take responsibility for the issues facing their area and suggest and implement strategies to improve the quality of life for its citizens.

"Change in our policing strategy is necessary as we move toward the new millennium," District 11 Commander Maj. Lonnie Inlow said. "A more proactive approach is needed to solve the problems facing our region."

Mob action conjures up Lovejoy killing

By Paul A. Brinkmann
Staff writer

For some local historians and public officials, the appearance of a mob on the streets of Alton last month recalls one of the most infamous chapters in the city's history.

The death Aug. 11 of Richard L. Skelton has only superficial parallels to the killing of abolitionist newspaper editor Elijah P. Lovejoy in 1837.

More interesting, perhaps, are the contrasts between the two stories.

Both men were killed in mob action that had racial overtones. Both victims were Lovejoy was also white; Skelton's attackers were all black.

Police say Skelton, 48, of Wood River, intentionally went into a black neighborhood in the middle of the night trying to recover stolen property.

Lovejoy, on the other hand, incited the hatred of his own race because his newspaper, the Observer, advocated the end of slavery.

Despite the differences, even Madison County State's Attorney William Haine has made a connection between the two cases.

Above all, in the city of Alton, we must see that mob violence is intolerable," Haine said.

Eight black men and two black youths have been charged with first-degree murder in Skelton's death, but Haine has declined to charge them with hate crimes.

Haine said he thinks mob violence must be treated apart from the issue of race, partially because minorities historically are the target of mobs.

"The principle that mob violence is intolerable protects minorities above all," Haine said.

Robert Tabcoct, a professor at Webster University in St. Louis and a historian who has studied Lovejoy's life, noted

that Lovejoy had a mortal fear of mobs.

One of Tabcoct's favorite quotes from the abolitionist is about this fear: "When the mob rules, society is reduced to its first order and everyone must hold their property at the point of a gun."

Tabcoct said Skelton's actions and alleged use of racial epithets were as inflammatory to his black audience as Lovejoy's abolitionist statements were to his white, pro-slavery audience.

Charlene Cannon, who serves as an trustee for the grave of Lovejoy in Alton City Cemetery, said she hopes the issue of race will not be part of the Skelton trial.

"I'm sorry that racial tones were stated — that only fans the smoldering embers of racial intolerance," Cannon said.

The Rev. Johnny Scott, president of the East St. Louis Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said after Skelton's death that Alton police may have acted too eagerly to charge too many black suspects in the case.

But James Gray, president of the Alton Chapter, said the NAACP would not investigate police conduct. He said the black community in Alton was "appalled and outraged" by Skelton's beating death.

Shirley Portwood, history professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, said Illinois has dark history of mob killings and lynchings but that most victims have been black.

Portwood said she sees vivid contrasts between the Lovejoy tragedy and the Skelton murder but similar lessons.

"The thought of someone being killed is reprehensible," Portwood said. "It's a dangerous situation where people just take matters into their own hands."

Man admits mob action in guilty plea

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

One of the suspects in the Aug. 11 mob beating of one of two Wood River brothers has pleaded guilty in exchange for a five-year sentence.

Ivan D. Wheeler, 27, of Alton, pleaded guilty Wednesday in the beating of Fred Skelton Jr. of Wood River.

A grand jury met Thursday in the fatal beating of Skelton's brother, Richard L. Skelton.

Wheeler's attorney, Tom Hildebrand, said Wheeler pleaded guilty of mob action and aggravated battery in the beating of Fred Skelton Jr., who went to a Seventh Street house in Alton with his brother to retrieve a stolen television set.

"We made this plea after a reasoned evaluation of the facts and in consideration of the potential criminal liability of my client," Hildebrand said. "There are significant ramifications of (today's) grand jury proceedings. This is a case of liar's poker."

He said Wheeler has "not at this time" been charged in the murder of Richard L. Skelton, who died of a heart attack after a beating by as many as 20 people after racial epithets were hurled in the confrontation.

The grand jury investigation of Richard L. Skelton's death may take more than a day. Hildebrand said his client has not been asked, nor has he agreed, to testify in the case.

That issue has not been raised," he said.

Hildebrand said Wheeler is the only child he represents in the incident and that he is unaware of any plea negotiations in the other cases.

Public Defender John Kowalski said his office does not represent any of the suspects.

Prosecutors have charged eight adults and two juveniles in the death of Richard L. Skelton. In addition to Wheeler, Errin P. Debruce, 27, of Alton, was charged with mob action and aggravated battery in the beating of Fred Skelton Jr.

If you're traveling, don't neglect the dog

A record 33.9 million people traveled a hundred miles or more from home last Labor Day weekend, according to the American Automobile Association.

If you are one of the many who are traveling this coming Labor Day weekend, don't forget to plan for everyone in the family, including your dog.

The American Kennel Club, the nation's leading authority on purebred dogs, offers tips on how to care for your dog so that all of you can do exactly what you plan to. Relax and Have Fun! Here are the how to's:

➤ When traveling with your dog be prepared at all times. Make sure you have a strong leash and a collar with license/identification tags. Take a picture of your dog with you in case you are accidentally separated.

➤ If you have not already done so, now is the time to get your dog a permanent form of ID, such as a microchip or tag, and enroll it in a pet recovery program. (For information on AKC's Companion Animal Recovery program, call 800-252-7894.)

"Take along your dog's favorite blanket, toys, food and treats. Always bring water along when you travel (bottled water is best). Don't forget to bring any medications that the dog may need."

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➤ When traveling by car, take a few short trips beforehand to get your dog used to being in the car. While on the road, be sure to assign an area in the car that the dog can feel is its own, and make sure the kids don't tease or annoy the dog.

➤ Before departing, feed your dog several hours in advance and give your dog plenty of exercise before putting it in the car.

➤ Call ahead to any hotels or motels you'll be staying at to make sure they permit pets. Do not leave your dog unattended at a hotel/motel. Many dogs are unhappy at being left behind and could be destructive or noisy.

➤ Remember, never leave your dog unattended in closed vehicle.

➤ For airplane, train or bus travel, call and ask about pet policy ahead of time.

➤ If you're planning on boarding the dog in a kennel instead of taking it with you, visit it first and ask for a look around.

➤ If you would like more tips on how to take care of your dog, contact the American Kennel Club for a free packet on travel tips for dogs. For your packet, you can either write AKC at 550 Centerville Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606; call customer service at (919) 233-9767; e-mail to info@akc.org; or visit our web site at www.akc.org.

Milestones

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Miracles are always in the making

A New You



Catherine Galasso

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The birth of a baby, a dream realized or the beginning of the work of love, these are marvels too wonderful to explain but felt so sincerely in

"Cause miracles to happen in the lives of others by your actions. Be open to sharing yourself, your love and your blessings without a thought of their return."

our hearts. The real miracle is how we perceive the happening.

Allow your mind to look only to this higher dimension of life. Amid strife or conflict, believe in miracles and expect them to happen. Take hold of the wonder and enchantment around you. This is the victory of the strong and triumphant.

Look what the good Lord has done for you and me already. We have each experienced incredible events that seem impossible to explain. These amazing gifts are God's wisdom and plans at work for you alone.

If something is beneficial for you and is a part of the design that God has laid out for your life, He will put the glorious goal within your reach.

Cause miracles to happen in the lives of others by your actions. Be open to sharing yourself, your love and your blessings without a thought of their return.

The miracle can suddenly come forth in the words that you speak, a kind gesture that you do or the contagious sound

of your laughter that flows out to encircle others with joy. There is a wonderful source of goodness in the universe.

Those who perform these miracles are surrounded by angels, are giving happiness to others and are receiving the greatest fulfillment in life.

In times of need, God will send the joy of His care and protection to overflow in your heart. The Lord's brilliant rainbow light will shine through the deepest darkness. Look to Him. Commit to the Lord. And whatever you do in His name, your plans will succeed.

Remember, miracles begin in prayer. God is as close as a whisper. He watches over His miracles, so it follows as night, the day, He watches over miraculous you.

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Yenchos host family reunion

Five Nolin sisters attended a family reunion Aug. 14-20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Mary Evalyne Nolin) Yenchos, 2571 Waterman Ave. This was the first time all sisters had been together at the same time in eight years. Sisters attending were: Mrs. Elmo (Mayola Nolin) Brewer of Houston, Texas, and her daughter, Beverly (Brewer) Ray of Spring, Texas; Mrs. Neal (Maxine Nolin) Schneider of Florissant, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Majoria Nolin) Stevenson of Spring Hill, Florida; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Carolyn Nolin) McGivers of Orlando, Fla. Also attending were: Dr. Michael Yenchos, Manchester, Conn., son of the Yenchos; and Karen Tolman of Manchester, Conn.

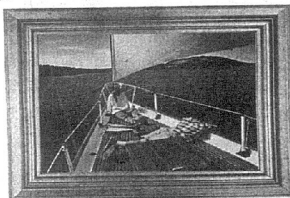
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County considers luring privately run Sheltered Care Home

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

County officials may try to attract someone else, possibly a private business, to establish a home for some of the Sheltered Care Home residents in an effort to convince state officials to approve closing the home.

"We may have to generate more capacity for placement of the shelter care people," said Jim Monday, director of administration.

Monday said he and other county officials will appear before the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board again in mid-October to try to meet that body's objections to closing the Nursing Home and Sheltered Care homes.

Monday said there is no plan to alter the course of closing both homes by Dec. 1.

The County Board voted 15-12 April 15 to close both homes after voters turned down two proposals March 17 that would have supported combining the two homes.

The state planning board voted last month against the closing, but county officials said they are going to appeal that decision.

The possibility of persuading a private firm to take over the operations was discussed before the vote to close.

"That has always been an option, even though no decision has been made," Monday said. The ad-hoc committee on closing met behind closed doors Wednesday to discuss future moves in the closing process, including the legalities involved.

Monday said a lawsuit is a possibility, but officials are far from even discussing it.

Twenty-nine people live in the nursing home, compared

with 98 just before the March vote. The Sheltered Care Home has 36 residents, compared with a peak number of 48.

The chief backer of keeping the homes open, board member Bob Stille, said he is not happy with the discussion about once again appearing before the state board.

"I was not too pleased with what went on in this morning's meeting," Stille said.

Stille is a member of the ad hoc committee and chairman of the board's Health and Institutions Committee.

He said a private firm would have to deal with the same problem of high labor costs

that the county has done.

"Even if a private firm comes in, they are still going to deal with the unions, and there is nothing to gain by it,"

Stille said.

The state board denied the closing because it perceived a lack of alternative placements for the sheltered care clients.

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The ever-popular mum has long been the centerpiece attraction in gardens throughout the country. Its brilliance is a tough act to follow. The mum brings the gardening season to a close unlike any other flower.

There are new hybrid varieties of mums available today, and they're noted for both early bloom and winter hardiness. The season of bloom has been significantly increased. People in northern climates can now enjoy the beauty that mums provide.

Although there are new varieties, the mum itself is hardly the new kid on the block. They've been used in gardens of China since before 550 B.C. Most of the species are native to China, Japan or Europe.

The mum (chrysanthemum, actually, but since that's a lengthy word, we'll use mum), is a large genus of annual and perennial herbs belonging to the Aster family. Some species, such as pyrethrum and shasta daisy, bear ornamental flowers even during the summer months. The most famous of all, the garden mum, is the showiest of all fall blossoms. Its flowers are pleasantly musk scented, and the garden mum is available in many sizes.

Here are some tips to help you enjoy your mums to the max.

Mums have hearty appetites. They require plenty of plant food to attain maximum development. Liberal quantities of manure or compost should be added to the flower bed before planting them.

In sunny, well-drained locations, individual specimens set at 2-foot intervals become masses of bloom when little else remains, since mums are late-season bloomers. They're also able to withstand light frosts. The taller varieties can enhance garden borders quite well, while the low growers are fine as edging, in urns and tubs, rock gardens or foundation plantings next to evergreens.

Most taller mums are superb for cutting. Their flowers will last two or

three weeks in water, but the leaves should be removed from the submerged portion of the stem.

Mums are also excellent when arranged with fall foliage or berried branches.

Thousands of mum cultivars have been developed, and classification of the many types is based mainly on flower form and growth habit.

Cushion: The dwarf hardy spreading type.

Decorative: The most common garden variety. Petals are regularly or irregularly reflexed. The flowers are an inch and a half to several inches across, with the petals varying in length.

Pompon: The flowers are usually spherical and not over 4 inches across. Some have curved petals in the center of the flower head.

Spoon: The disk florets (those that form the central "eye") are rather flat, while the ray florets (those that form the "petals") are regularly arranged and spoon-shaped.

Single and Daisy-flowered: The disk florets form a daisy-like "eye" in the center, while the ray or petal-like florets are arranged in not more than five rows.

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"We have divided the series into three tracks," said Carol Coulson, group leader. "The first track is focused on issues of the ADHD child. The classes in the second track concern behavior management and are helpful to all parents. The third track is a bonus track, focusing on support for parents and managing a child's educational needs."

The workshop series begins from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Granite City office, located at 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, just off Illinois 3.

The series is also offered from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Sept. 19 at 1507 Troy Road, Edwardsville.

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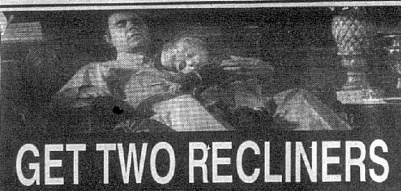
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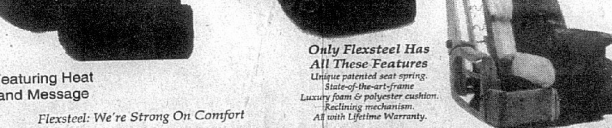
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Lodge hosting past member's night

Granite City Masonic Lodge 3877 will hold its annual Past Member's Night Sept. 19. The event will start promptly at 7 p.m. with a meal catered by Petri's Cafeteria.

After the meal, all of the past masters of the lodge will be recognized individually by Present Master Ralph Baker. These past masters have each given their time freely to carry on the fine tradition of their lodge.

Past Master Edward Lane will give a response on behalf of the past masters, after which many of the masons will receive pins for their years of service. Steve Corbitt, who was performed all over the world, will treat the crowd to some entertainment.

Corbitt has headlined a tour for our overseas troops in Japan, Okinawa and Korea.

During his travel and shows, he has appeared everywhere from the Florida Keys to Hollywood to the Hawaiian islands. Performances by Corbitt have been on The Statler Brothers Show, Sandy Hackett's Comedy Club in Laughlin, Nev., The Comic Strip in El Paso, Texas, and Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif.

Clients for whom Mr. Corbitt has performed include IBM, Southwestern Bell, Drury Inn, U.S. Department of Defense, ADT Security and Coppermountain Ski Resort.

If you plan to attend, please call Ralph Baker at 931-3359 By Sept. 10. The number of people attending must be turned in to Petri's Cafe on that day. We should have seating for approximately 170 people.

Master masons and wives/widows of masons are invited to attend.

AMVETS auxiliary holds meeting

The AMVETS ladies auxiliary meeting was called to order by President Betty Clements on Aug. 13.

Chaplain Gerri Recer read the prayer, Sgt.-At-Arms Barb

Copeland led the Pledge of Allegiance, and acting Secretary Ethel Weilbacher read the minutes and correspondence.

The Post home was host to the Division 5 meeting on Aug. 2. The auxiliary ladies donated desserts for the luncheon.

Second Vice President Jackie Rain passed out empty baby food jars to the ladies to collect dimes. At a later meeting, the dimes will be counted and a donation will be made to the John Tracy Clinic.

The group discussed selling desserts for 50 cents each for a fish fry dinner Aug. 22, and the money was sold. The money will be used for a scholarship.

Clements installed Jewel Matyas into the auxiliary, and Recer read a prayer. The group is delighted to have a new member.

The group closed the meeting with a prayer and the retiring of colors.

Retired personnel

Retired Office Personnel of Granite City School District 5 held an August meeting at Shoney's.

The following members attended: Bernia Milianis, Millie Chandler, Frieda Andrews, Alice Campbell, Dorothy Larner, Marge Burdge, Wanda Kutera, Lucy Stucke, Helen Favier, Arlene Haldeman, Vivian Hellen, Lucille Caban and Evelyn Glizik.

The September hostess, Dorothy Larner, has made reservations at House of Plenty in Highland.

Send your news

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Send your news to Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL, 62040.

Local chapter wins DeMolay title

James Stuart Chapter order of DeMolay members attended the four-day Illinois DeMolay Conclave Aug. 6-9 at Eureka College in Eureka.

The local chapter's soccer team was the 1998 Illinois DeMolay State Champion. The squad posted a 2-0 victory over Ascalon Chapter, Collinsville. Craig Mooshegian scored both goals.

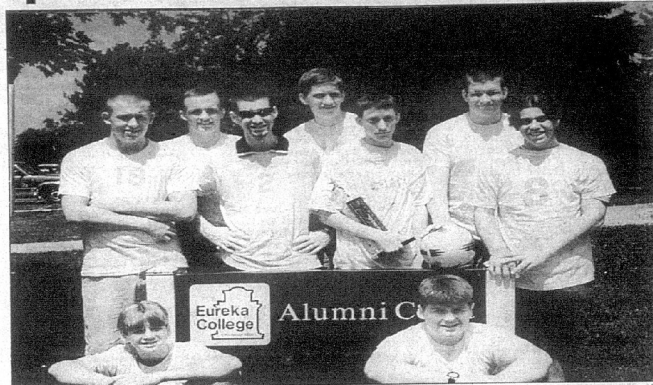
Aside from the state soccer trophy, the chapter garnered the 1997 Illinois "Kanes for Kiddies" runner-up; the international Supreme Counselor Order of DeMolay's Outstanding Publications Award; Illinois DeMolay's Publishing Award; G. Wilbur Bell's Quarterly Membership Traveling Trophy; and a "Who's Your Daddy" membership belt.

Other trophies won were: Ryan Denny, first place trophy "Around the World" basketball; Ryan Denny, Craig Mooshegian and James Watson, second place trophy "Three on three" basketball; Matt LeVart, Senior Division Golf Trophy and Punt Pass and Kick Trophy.

Charles Meyer, chapter adviser, was designated as the Illinois DeMolay Adviser of the Year. Meyer is the only adviser to be so honored twice.

Elected at the business session Saturday morning were: Kyle Lambert, state master counselor; Brian Marshall, state senior counselor; Ron Off Jr., Ascalon Chapter, Collinsville, state junior counselor; and Jennie Mariotti, C.E. Dagenhart Chapter, Bloomington, state DeMolay sweetheart.

Illinois DeMolay announced plans for an Illinois DeMolay Brotherhood Center, which will provide a place for



The James Stuart Chapter claimed the 1998 Illinois DeMolay State Soccer Championship. The team had a 2-0 victory over Ascalon Chapter, Collinsville. Craig Mooshegian scored both goals. Dawn Staggs, Chapter Sweetheart and a member of the team, was not present for the picture.

DeMolays from all over Illinois to meet, hold activities and learn about one another.

A full kitchen, sleeping facilities, activity room and small conference rooms are planned. The center also will be made available to Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Lodges and other members of the Masonic family. It can become a catalyst for future success of Masonic organizations.

The most worshipful master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Bennie L. Griesham, announced that the Grand Lodge of Masons of Illinois will Lease DeMolay 10 acres of land near the Masonic Home in Sullivan.

The lease, completing this

tremendous assist, was signed by Griesham and David Poffenbarger, executive officer for the Illinois DeMolay, Saturday night at the state master counselor's banquet.

Construction will not begin until adequate funds are available.

Keith Kline, executive officer for the DeMolay jurisdiction, started a pledge drive for the brotherhood center that netted \$7,000 from those present at the state master counselor's banquet.

Others in attendance from the local chapter were Amanda Young, Illinois DeMolay's sweetheart representative.

With Young's term ending at this Conclave, the position

of sweetheart representative will no longer be a part of the state sweetheart program. Young traveled far and frequently and was an excellent sweetheart representative.

Also attending were Joan Staggs, James Stuart Chapter's sweetheart and a state sweetheart contestant, who was chaperoned by her mother, Vicki Staggs; Michelle Staggs and Sara Myers, members of Job's Daughters Bethel 43; Mark Gilley, 1997-1998 state chaplain; and Jo Meyer and advisers Charles Meyer and Floyd Watson.

Gregory Avancets and Glen Wilson Jr., the chapter's newest members, became DeMolays at Conclave.



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 6
The moon in Pisces combined with both Venus and Mercury in the last day of Leo encourages the romantic in all of us, and people will find themselves drifting off into daydreams of steamy love affairs. This unfettered feeling has you making up the plot as you go, so enjoy the friendly ride.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6). This will be a year of swooping in on your goals with eagle-like precision. The results of loan or school applications arrive by the end of the month with generally pleasing results. A cooled-off affair can be warmed up next month if you are willing to talk it over. Get on the stick, and find your dream job — you will have the right skills by December.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A recent financial upswing makes you a candidate for increased benefits. Let the world know what you want, or you can't complain later. Are you registered to vote? Some one special shows up without invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spend time with people who stimulate you. Make a dramatic entrance at a social gathering. A talk with an old friend or family member lifts your spirits. Avoid making hasty or unfounded predictions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make overtures, and get a friendship started. Approach financial matters on your own or now. Challenge yourself in the midst of complacent

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people, and you'll be the inspiration everyone talks about.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A goal can be realized if you incorporate the help of others. The wild side of you comes to the fore when a Gemini is around. Pacing yourself now can help you get out of debt

and break even.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Discuss your goals with someone else for another perspective. Avoid limiting yourself romantically. You don't need to shell out money for a teacher — you can educate yourself!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Tenderness is just what a lonely soul is looking for — you are the light of someone's life. Relationships are guided in luck if you strive for profound understanding, not just superficial acknowledgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your presence is strong and charismatic. You are what you no longer have to endure a difficult situation. You can penetrate someone's facade.

Be honest and forthright in love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love is just around the corner. Share a special day with a relative. A recent acquisition alters your outlook and lifestyle. Plans go awry when you take on more responsibilities than you can handle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are oversensitive to a loved one's well-meaning criticism. Solitude restores your good spirits. Experience a rush of creativity this evening. An old flame is dreaming of being back in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are given more reasons to stick to your

personal improvement goals. Your sentimentality moves a loved one. Cancel an appointment for which you are not prepared. Keep a careful rein on your purse strings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep a pledge made to a loved one. One fantastic friendship leads to another — extend an invitation to an acquaintance. Sympathy and a thoughtful gesture make others more receptive to your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relatives show support by phone. Meet deadlines for applications and interviews. A prudent financial decision makes your future secure. Too little time has been allotted for an important endeavor.

Dogs to get their day Sept. 12

Owners can show off their pets at Union Station

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

St. Louis Union Station is going to the dogs Sept. 12. The Humane Society of Missouri is sponsoring the second annual Dog Days, an event that recognizes St. Louis' finest and most talented pooches.

Dog Days follows in the tradition of the old Ugly Dog Contest, a popular event sponsored for several years by the Suburban Journals. Owners can register their four-legged friends in the south end plaza area of Union Station from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on the day of the event. Dog Days

is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m.

Dogs can compete in a number of off-beat categories, including "Best Pet Trick" and "Suburban Journals Best Newspaper Fetch" contest. The tail-wagging competition promises to be a little easier. Some dogs never seem to stop moving their tails from one side to another.

And to be fair, the Humane Society has a separate contest for dogs such as Boston terriers that wiggle more than wag.

Since Dog Days is an offshoot of the Ugly Dog contest, another category is "Ugliest Dog." Remember, though, this is a term of endearment for some of the cutest, friendliest, hairiest, happiest dogs around.

The pet/owner look-alike contest should be one of the most interesting features of this year's "Best drooler."

Merchants from Union Station will donate prizes to the best dogs. All participants get a goody bag for their dogs to gobble up at home.

Admission to Dog Days is free, but it costs \$5 to enter a dog into each category. Proceeds go to the Humane Society.

For more information on Dog Days, call St. Louis Union Station at 421-6655.

Movie schedules

Film timetable for Sunday, Sept. 6. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 644708
Blade (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
Snake Eyes (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:40
There's Something About Mary (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
Air Bud 2 (G) 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Allen, Ill. 254-8289
"54" (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Madeline (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Ever After (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
Blade (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill. 558-5390
Halloween H2O (R) 2:15, 7:30, 9:40
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15, 9:15
Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:50

ESQUIRE CINE
6706 Clayton Road, 781-3305
Why Do Fools Fall In Love (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00
"54" (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
Knock Off (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 8:20, 10:25
Blade (R) 1:30, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25
There's Something About Mary (R) 1:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:45
Snake Eyes (R) 1:40, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

GALLERIA 6
30 St. Louis, Galleria, 721-8722
Dance With Me (PG)
Dead Man On Campus (R)

WROUGHTFULLY ACCUSED (PG-13)
The Negotiator (R)
The Avengers (PG-13)
Armageddon (PG-13)
Ever After (PG-13)
The Parent Trap (PG)
Check theater for times

HI-POINTE
1901 McCaustland, 781-0800
Check theater for shows and times

KIRKWOOD CINEMA
338 S. Kirkwood Road, 965-1161
Wide (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30, 11:15
The Opposite Of Sex (R) 1:00, 9:20, 11:15
"54" (R) 3:30, 5:15, 7:00, 8:45, 10:30

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, 558-0123
Check theater for shows and times

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Nameoki Village, 677-6630
Halloween H2O (R) 2:00, 7:15, 9:15
Dr. Dolittle (PG-13) 2:15, 6:45, 9:00

NORTH TWIN DRIVE-IN
9425 Lewis & Clark, 822-8800
U.S. Marshals (PG-13) 8:00
Blade (R) 10:30
How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R) 8:00
Why Do Fools Fall In Love (R) 10:15

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4890
The Mask Of Zorro (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:25
Air Bud 2 (G) 12:20, 2:40, 4:40, 7:05, 9:10
Small Soldiers (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:35
Saving Private Ryan (R) 7:00, 4:30, 8:00
Saving Private Ryan (R) 2:00, 5:30, 9:00
Blade (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 7:30, 9:50
Dead Man On Campus (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25
The Parent Trap (PG) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
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Eagles Auxiliary welcomes new member



Eagles Auxiliary President Nina Jackson welcomes new member Kathryn Huff.

President Nina Jackson opened the recent meeting of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 with 35 members in attendance. Jackson welcomed State Membership Chairman Martha Howlett from Alton Auxiliary 254 to the meeting. Roll of officers was taken. Mary Church, outside guard, was absent. Her chair was pro-temmed by Hilda Melton. Mildred Boyd, junior past president, was pro-temmed by Howlett. The secretary read one new application for membership. Betty McGee was re-enrolled. The ritual team of President Pat Fitchett, Junior Past President Joanna Spencer, Vice President Barbara Modrusic, Chaplain Millie Weatherford and Conductor Angie Buehler initiated one new member, Kathryn Huff. Correspondence from Ken Cross, Grand Aerie membership chairman, was read. It regarded the membership campaign with a payback offer to all auxiliaries. The goal

of the state president is \$1,000, and aerie is 46,000 new and re-enrolled members for the 98-99 year. Granite City hosted the district meeting on July 19. Voting for three trustees preceded the installation of officers for the 98-99 year. All other officers were unopposed. State project chairman gave a certificate to the auxiliary for participation in collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans. These help send children to the burn camp in Illinois. Mildred Boyd donated her 410 cash prize (in lieu of a ribbon) earned at the state convention to the disaster fund. Theresa McWhinnie, state auxiliary president, sent Angie Buehler a certificate for being named State Grandmother of the Year. Evalene Ederle gave the bingo report and announced that there would be a meeting July 22. Plans for the auxiliary Aerie Eagles

festival on Aug. 1 were discussed. More booths and more activities have been added. Suzie Rigers, bylaw chairman, set up the meeting for Aug. 4 in the Eagles Lodge. Buehler and her committee hosted the social hour and refreshments. Others in attendance were Jane Moore, Tiny Turcott, Ann Pastes, Darlene Winters, Tracy Krug, Helen Pashedag, Sharon Case, Joan Mezo, Betty Taylor, Ellen Wallace, Florence Hagnauer, Ruth Henson, Dee Taft, Chris Kinser, Barbara (Ramsey) Land, Sharon Hogan, Al Verne Malzynski, Lorraine Parkinson, Helen Lipchik, Edna Cease, Melba Fricker, Katie Kostoff, Vincine Zerlain, Flo Stokes and Martha Simpson. The last meeting was July 28 in the Eagles Home with Jackson and her committee hosting the social hour and refreshments.



Members of Granite City Navy Mothers 850 donated money and items to the Marlon V.A. Medical Center. From left, are physical therapist Bob Thomas and group members Mary Korcosog, Nina George and Edna Miller.

Group donates money, items to medical center

Several members of Granite City Navy Mothers 850 — including State Navy Mothers past Junior Cmdr. Mary E. Korcosog, State Navy Mothers Cmdr. Edna Miller and State Navy Mothers past Cmdr. Nina George — recently visited the V.A. Medical Center in Marlon. The junior past state commander, in her tenure as state commander, selected Marlon V.A. Medical Center as her commander's project. In the absence of Jackie Horne, service manager, Korcosog presented a check to Bob Thomas, recreational therapist. The check will be used where it is needed

most to benefit the patients confined to the hospital. Thomas said that the greatest need was in the Hospice unit. Miller donated some paperback novels, playing cards and personal items. The group spent additional time discussing further needs of patients and at photo sessions. Because of unfavorable weather conditions, the group decided against touring the medical center. The Navy Mothers were invited to tour the Medical Center at a later date. The group happily accepted.

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Fever participated in Sharnem 125, a seven-day exercise held in the central Mediterranean Sea. Sharnem is a chief of naval operations program established in 1969 to improve the quality of underway warfare. Specifically, operations were conducted to test an evaluate underway warfare tactics, weapons, sensors and procedures. In addition to Fever's ship, 10 ships and 30 aircraft from Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Spain and the United States participated.

Home ported in Norfolk, Va., USS Atlanta is one of the most sophisticated submarines in the world. Fever is a 1989 graduate if the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Navy Seaman JAYSON R. HAXTON, son of Jason Beck and Tina Gardin, both of Granite City, recently visited China aboard the amphibious command ship and Seventh Fleet Flagship USS Blue Ridge, based in Yokosuka, Japan.

During the visit to Qingdao, crew members from Haxton's ship had the opportunity to participate in several athletic contests and cultural activities. To return the hospitality, Haxton and crew members conducted tours on their ship for several thousand visitors. Haxton is one of more than 1,200

military personnel aboard the Blue Ridge. Haxton's ship provides command and control facilities for a Navy amphibious task-force commander, the Marine assault-force commander and their staffs.

Haxton graduated from Granite City High School in 1996 and joined the Navy in June 1997.

Do you have an item for this column? The Press-Record-Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action when they are serving, if possible, do not send the only copy you have of a picture. Send your news to: The Granite City Press-Record-Journal, 1875 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

District holding registration

Registration is now underway at the Granite City Park District for session one of all adult fall programs. Register at the Wilson Park Office, 2900 Benton Ave., for the following programs, or call 877-3059 for additional information.

Adult Aerobics — residents, \$20; non-residents \$35.
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Line Dancing — residents, \$20; non-residents, \$35.
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Granite City Journals

Heather Sandy and Everett Watson III marry

Heather Nicole Sandy and Everett Scott Watson III were married July 24 in Edwardsville.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Betty Sandy of Collinsville, and the groom is the son of Robyn Campbell of Troy and Everett Watson II of St. Louis.

The matron of honor was Robyn Campbell. The best man was Mike Sandy.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Triad High and is employed by Doggone Grooming in St. Jacob. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Triad High School in Troy and is employed as a carpenter.

A wedding reception was given for them in the Moose Hall in Edwardsville with 80 guests present. The newlyweds are making their home in Grant Fork.

The campaign 20 sales meeting for Avon Representatives was a holiday open house combined with other districts in the Holiday Inn in Alton.

Those attending from district 5015 were Manager Phyllis Laster, Chloe Denny, Jenny Manning, Pam Wallis, Susan Roe, Darlene Anthony, Donna Johnson, Kathy and Anthony Winnie, Maxine Green, Gena Garrison, Corky Nance, Andrea Oliver, Connie

Chroniser, Winnie Pointer, Julia Lotzy, Rosa Lux, Elaine Sloan, Tommie Myers, Nadine Papp, Karla Grant, Nora Hailer, Melissa Hailer, Cynthia Valley, Carol Gilland, Rose Doolin, Wilma McGuire, B. Landers, Rosemary Ralston, Karen Hare, Eileen Duffield, Sharon O'Toole, Pat McKee, Lillian Ruegge, Jodi Johnson, Diane Corrado, Patricia King, Carrie Cotter, Carol Sackett, Valerie Turlon, Colleen Drew and Shirley Wilkinson.

Door prizes were won by Iola Voyles and Karen Hare.

An open house and birthday celebration was held for Lucille Martin in honor of her 89th birthday on Aug. 24.

Birthday cake and ice cream were served to friends and relatives who called on her during the day. She received cards and presents from

Wanda Powers; Kay Andersen; Ruth Bailey; Tom and Kathy Green; Myrtle Moad; Robyn Campbell; Linda Watson and daughter, Hannah; Maxine Green; J.P. Perry; Glenna Staggs; Daria Taylor; Leona Williams; Tina Lyons; Joe and Mary Lee Verdu; Janet Bartlesman and daughter, Katy; and Bettie Jo Smith.

Donnie and Adrian Boswell and daughter, Jenna, all of El

Paso, Texas, spent the weekend visiting Don and Linda Boswell.

They all enjoyed a visit to Six Flags.

Above and Beyond Winners for the month of July at St. Elizabeth Hospital were Barbara Whitaker, emergency room; and Karen Greeling, surgical service.

Customer Service Star of Excellence winners were John Flath, food and nutritional services; Cathy Roberson, nursing administration; and David Denson, environmental service.

Darla Taylor, Crystal Hale, Michelle Giese and Vicki Taylor honored their dad, George Staggs, with a retirement dinner party Aug. 29 in the Nelson Hagnauer Center.

Staggs retired Aug. 28 from Ackerman Buick, where he worked for 41 years.

Several of the guests roasted Staggs, and he received many gifts.

Dinner was served to Glenna Staggs, wife of the honoree, George's children, Darla and Roger Taylor and son Chris; Crystal and Billy Hale and son, Christopher; Michelle and Bryan Giese and son, Zachary; and Vicki and Cliff Taylor.

Other guests who enjoyed the special event were Shirley and Jim Smith and Apuline



Maxine Green

Dunnivant of Glen Carbon; Alice and Stan Lucas of Maryville; Linda and Mark Ensch and daughter, Lexi, of Breese; Sherry and Dave Ebrecht and children, Nathan and Rachel of Troy; Phil Cuccati and son, Kyle; Ruth and Gene Prier, Jenny Staggs and Jim Collier of St. Louis; the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Woods of Overland, Mo.; Gina and Kevin Tegeler and daughters, Ashley and Kayla, of Florissant, Mo.; Barbara Elledge of Champaign; Karen and David Staggs of Rantoul; Becky and Don Mendenhall of Washington, Mo.; Phyllis and Matt Barnes of Arnold, Mo.; Della and Vance Lockridge of St. Charles, Mo.; Virginia Staggs, Judy and Jeff Prier and daughters, Brittany, Samantha and Emily, all of St. Peters, Mo.; Rita and Dennis Peters, Ann and Leon Robinson and Jen Staggs and sons of Foristell, Mo.; and Tracy and Tim Riebling and daughters, Brittany and Jordan of Belleville.

A few of the local residents present (my apologies to those



Heather and Everett Watson III

not mentioned due to lack of space!) were: Veda and Harold McClelland; Linda and Sherman Bone; Kelly and Nick Bone; Scott Bone and daughter, Stormy; and Carol and Carl Cuccati; and Angela and Jim Giese; Linda Williams; Elsie and Ray Spiroff; Imogene and

Bill Taylor; Mabel and Halron Kell; Mary Brown; Joanne Bradley; Larry Duckworth; Helen and Joe Jones; Trudy and Jim Black; Linda and Harold Tankley and family; Keith Wilson and Jeff Tanner; and Ruby Pyles.

Maxine Green usually appears in the Granite City Press-Record. However, due to space constraints, her column did not appear in its entirety.

Demolition expert razes the roof, has a blast

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

It takes a lot of work to put up a building.

But it can take almost as much work to bring one down.

Cook, of Collinsville, is a project manager with Spirits Wrecking Co. of St. Louis. He began with the company about 10 years ago when its main focus was on environmental work, like

asbestos abatement. Its still a part of their work and Cook said that background provided valuable experience he relies upon regularly.

In his work today, Cook assesses building demolition jobs. Cook determines the equipment, the size of that equipment, the number of workers needed and the schedule for each demolition he is assigned.

For some jobs, the

wrecking ball does most of the work. For others, handheld equipment is used to bring the building down to a manageable level.

"At that point you can get a crane in there," Cook said.

Other important parts of the equation are the type of material the building is made of, the way it is constructed, the building's height and its location.

For example, his approach to the razing of a two-story brick tavern in downtown Belleville that is now under way and the demolition of the former St. Louis Arena — for which the company just received a contract — are completely different.

"No two jobs or two days are ever the same," Cook said.

"For me, that's great."

Unlike other construction work, weather isn't a concern.

"Rain and snow don't

bring things to a halt like they do at a regular construction site," Cook said.

The scope of the jobs can be equally diverse. It can be a single house or an entire subdivision.

But one thing all demolition jobs have in common is the issue of safety.

"That's our main priority," Cook said. "Zero injuries is the main goal of the company."

Some demolitions require very little equipment to topple the structure. These are "implosions," where explosives are used to bring a building down on itself.

These jobs may look easy but they aren't.

"People go to see it come down and it takes about 10 seconds," Cook said. "They don't realize the engineering that's done before and the cleanup after."

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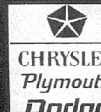
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Diocese of Springfield offering special seminars

The second Peace, Justice and Life Institute, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Springfield, will be offered in eight monthly sessions from September 1998 through April 1999.

The purpose of the series is to assist Catholics in developing their knowledge, skills and resources as people who strive to live the gospel. Catholic parishes in the 25 counties of the diocese are invited to send participants. All interested in Catholic social teachings are invited.

Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$10 per session plus \$5 for an optional lunch. Participants may register for any or all of the sessions. The sessions, facilitators and dates are:

• Sept. 19 — Scriptural Roots of Justice with Sister Lynn Schmidt, SSND from St. Louis University, at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville;

• Oct. 17 — Catholic Social Teaching with Dr. Ken Homan from Quincy University at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville;

• Nov. 21 — Spirituality and Liturgy: Call to Action on Behalf of Justice with the Rev. Ray Kemp from the Woodstock Theological Center at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville;

• Dec. 5 — Peacemaking, Non-Violence and Conflict Resolution with Bob Williamson from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at

Holy Family Parish in Litchfield in Montgomery County;

• Jan. 9, 1999 — Signs of our Times and Legislative Advocacy with the staff of the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville;

• Feb. 20 — Global Challenges with the Rev. Peter Ruggere from Maryknoll Peace and Justice Office of Washington, D.C., at Holy Family Parish Litchfield in Montgomery County;

• March 13 — Human Dignity—Seamless Garment with Bishop Daniel Ryan and the staff of the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville;

• April 17 — Diocesan Justice, Peace and Life Concerns with Mary Wright, education coordinator with the Campaign for Human Development in Washington, D.C., and staff of the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Maryville. The first institute held in Springfield in 1996-97 involved the participation of more than 80 people and was acclaimed highly for its nationally known speakers and the content of the sessions.

Many of these sessions call Catholics to recognize their responsibility to be involved in social ministry. The institute provides a strong educational opportunity for participants to grow in their

understanding of Catholic social teaching and identifying their responses as part of the transformation of their community and world.

Sessions provide contact and conversation with people from across the diocese on the issues of justice, peace and life and the call to be communities of salt and light.

For information about the institute or for a registration brochure, call the Office for Social Concerns at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Springfield, (217) 698-8500, extension 167.

The Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois includes 154 parishes in 26 counties in central Illinois.

Website design contest will net new computers for 2 winning schools

Illinois Power would like to welcome students and teachers back to school — with a web site design contest.

Two grand prize winning schools will receive a computer system with a color printer and scanner. Eight runners-up receive a color printer.

The contest, which begins Sept. 8, is open to junior and senior high schools located in IP's service area.

Web sites designed by at least two students who are sponsored by a teacher qualify as an entry. Students on the grand prize winning teams will win \$300 in cash.

"This contest fosters teamwork and encourage students to use technical skills learned in school," says Max Burghstahl, information technology strategist for IP. "By designing a web site, they can apply new skills to a real world situation, and they also have a chance to showcase their school."

In addition to receiving a computer system, the winning entries will appear on the Power of Education web site. The winning teams also will be invited to display their site at IP's annual Information and Technology Fair on Oct. 23 in Decatur.

To view details about the contest, visit www.illnova.com, and click on Power of Education.

Teacher's surfing Power of Education this month will find the all new teacher's lounge. While in the lounge, teachers can submit thoughts on the cool ideas page for a chance

The contest, which begins Sept. 8, is open to junior and senior high schools located in IP's service area.

to win a \$25 grant. Potential ideas may include a classroom project or other activity that adds a new twist to learning. Random drawings for cool ideas will be held monthly.

While ideas will not be available for viewing until October, teachers can submit ideas beginning this month.

A cool idea for elementary, junior and senior high school will be featured in the lounge regularly.

The teacher's lounge also features teacher talk, where educators can exchange ideas on various topics or discuss educational issues of the day.

Finally, this month's sports safety quiz will give students a few pointers on how to prevent sports injuries.

After completing the quiz, students who attend schools located in IP's service area may enter a random drawing for a Kodak Max one-time-use camera. Fifty students will win.

Briefly

Anniversary celebration slated in Springfield

Couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a wedding anniversary celebration Sept. 12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

For the sixth year in a row, the Office for Family and Youth Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Springfield will hold a special liturgy at 2 p.m. that re-affirms marriage vows.

Bishop Daniel L. Ryan will preside. This year's celebration will also include a musical program called Moved by the Spirit, which will begin at 1 p.m.

"Couples who love have sustained them for half a century or more deserve the respect of the church," says Family and Youth Ministry

Director Donna Dausman.

"They provide a witness to the Christian vocation of marriage that's stronger than any sermon on the subject. They are living witnesses to the value of committed love."

Couples who are interested in attending should send their names, address and date of marriage to the Diocese Office for Family and Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 3187, Springfield, IL 62708-3187.

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District selling fish for ponds

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its fall fish sale.

This sale is for pond owners who have an established fish population and need to supplement some species. The species available are channel catfish (3 sizes), hybrid and regular blue gill (2 sizes), largemouth bass (2 sizes), fathead minnows and triploid grass carp.

Orders for the triploid grass carp must be made by Oct. 2, others should be made by Oct. 14.

The fish will be delivered at 9 a.m. Oct. 17 to the parking lot of the USDA Service Center at 7205 Marine Road. The center is on Illinois 143 east of Edwardsville.

Orders must be placed and paid for in advance. For more information, call the SWCD office at 656-5166 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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SIU enrollment expected to climb

By Linda N. Weller
Staff writer

Southern Illinois University officials are expecting enrollment to be up this fall, even in Carbondale, which has lost students the past few years.

Carbondale's enrollment is expected to rise by about 100 students from last fall's count of 21,908, university spokesman Jack Dyer said.

Preliminary figures show SIUE has between 250 and 300 more students than last fall, which means enrollment probably will be between 11,450 and 11,500.

Last fall the SIUE head count was 11,207, up 56 students from 11,151 in fall

"I think we've turned the corner but there's still a lot we can do."

Ted Sanders
SIU president

1996. Officials have credited the opening of two residence halls at SIUE with drawing more underclassmen to the campus in recent years.

The official count was to have been taken Friday, the 10th day of class of the fall semester. Officials will release the numbers next week, Dyer said.

University President Ted Sanders said the projected enrollment increases are higher than what he had previously expected, particularly in Carbondale.

"I think we've turned the corner but there's still a lot we can do," Sanders said.

He said SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger has stepped up recruitment efforts, "which she is going to continue."

"We already are reaping the results," he said.

He said he would like to see the enrollment at SIUC rise to between 24,000 and 25,000 graduate and undergraduate students.



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The class at the Head Start building will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 15 to Nov. 10. Registration for the class will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Parent Meeting Room at the Head Start building.

Free childcare is available to GED students at the Head Start Building. A daytime class will meet at the Granite City Campus from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. weekdays from Sept. 15 to Oct. 9. Registration for the class will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Granite City Campus Cafeteria.

An evening class will meet from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 9 to Nov. 9. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, also in the cafeteria.

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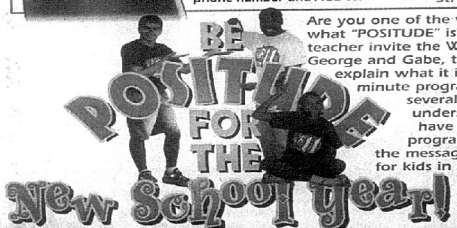
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Weekday Mornings
6:00am Family Matters
6:30am Poke' Mon
7:00am Tiny Toon Adventures
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8:00am Beast Wars
8:30am Robopop
Alpha Commando

Weekday Afternoons
2:00pm Mummies Alive
2:30pm Jimmy
3:00pm Pinky & the Brain
3:30pm Warner Bros. Historical (E/I)
4:00pm New Batman/Superman Adventures
5:00pm Sister, Sister
5:30pm Boy Meets World

Saturdays
6:00am Space Monkeys
6:30am Extreme Ghostbusters

Sundays
7:00am New Batman/Superman Adventures
8:00am Men in Black: The Series
8:30am Invasion America
9:30am Pinky, Elmyra & the Brain
10:00am Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries
10:30am Warner Bros. Historical (E/I)
11:00am Voltron: The Third Dimension
6:00pm Honey, I Shrunk The Kids

Sunday Evening
6:00 PM 7th Heaven
7:00 PM Sister, Sister
7:30 PM Smart Guy

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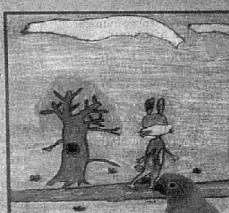
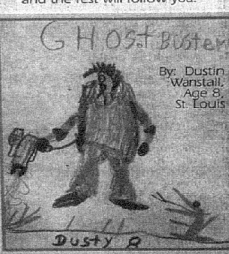
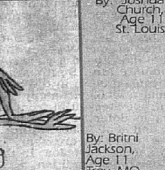
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The sun is way in the sky. I can't reach it but why? Sometimes it's hot and sometimes it's cold. I wonder about my sky.

By: Carlette Scroggins, Age 12, East St. Louis



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Can Turner turn it around?

Illinois coach has tough task in second season

How well I remember my friend Neal, who once took a sporting event program, held it over his head and began turning it.

"Now that's how you turn a program around," said the late newspaperman, who tired of hearing goals set by coaches in a collegiate or professional position.

This football season I'll be thinking of Neal often as I follow the path of the University of Illinois, where coach Ron Turner inherited a football team that had gone 2-9 in 1996. The Illini went 0-11 last season.

Any win for the Illini can be considered part of a turnaround for more reasons than the 17-game losing streak Illinois took into its season opener at Washington State.



Art Voellinger
Sports Views

"Orange and Blue" football book: "In his first season at Illinois, Turner's offense helped Robert Holcombe become the all-time Illini rushing leader."

I understand hype, but consider this reality: During a four-week stretch beginning with a 4-4 loss to Penn State, the Illini lost four consecutive games without reaching double figures in points.

Regarding the U of I offense, Holcombe did reach his third consecutive 1,000-plus rushing yardage season. However, after gaining 104 yards and scoring a touchdown against Penn State, he never bettered 100 yards or scored during losses of 31-7 to Wisconsin, 48-3 to Purdue and 23-6 to Indiana.

This year I'll be pulling for Holcombe to help the St. Louis Rams, but his absence is bound to be felt in Champaign, where Turner is going to have to convince fans of "his offense."

Meanwhile, if the offense continues to contribute to Illinois being No. 11 in the Big Ten Conference, I'm hoping two former Belleville players, senior defensive tackle Garrett Johnson and sophomore center Nathan Howell, reap rewards for their hard work.

A 6-foot-3, 290-pound son of former Illini defensive lineman Herschel Johnson of Belleville, Garrett was mentioned often during preseason scrimmages by Turner.

Named the No. 1 prep player in the St. Louis area by the Chicago Sun Times in 1994, Johnson begins his fourth season as a starter, although he missed part of his senior year due to an ankle injury.

"We need him to stay healthy," Turner said of Johnson, who has had several games with as many as eight tackles, including last season against Michigan State.

Howell walked onto the Illini scene in '97 and won the long-moping duties for the field goal unit in the fourth week of the season.

To Howell's credit, Neil Rackers, a junior placekicker, returns to try to improve on his total of five field goals last season.



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Bob Scott rears back to boot the soccer ball during action this past week. The Warriors defeated Howell Central on Thursday night to advance to 3-0.

Warriors nip Howell Central for third victory in three tries

Granite City posts 1-0 victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Thursday's soccer match between Granite City and Francis Howell Central was the

type of game that the players were happy to conclude with their limbs intact.

The Warriors pulled out the victory, their third in a row, by a 1-0 count.

The lone goal was scored by junior forward David Margrabe, who has tallied in each of the Warriors' first three games.

Senior goalkeeper Brandon Williams recorded the shutout for Granite City.

Margrabe's goal came in the 31st minute, off a nice feed from sophomore Phillip Reader. Margrabe chested down the pass, knifed through the defense, and nailed a shot just under the crossbar.

Though that was the only payoff for his efforts, Margrabe peppered the first half with runs and offensives that threatened the Spartans defense.

In the opening minutes of the game, he deftly swerved around sweeper Bob Greco and flipped a pass to sophomore Mike Smith, who was yanked down in the box without a whistle. Later, Margrabe stepped in front of a Spartans defender, stole the ball, and sent a shot sailing inches above the crossbar.

On another occasion, in the best one-touch tradition, Margrabe passed to sophomore Brad Hutchings, who tapped it over to Smith for the shot.

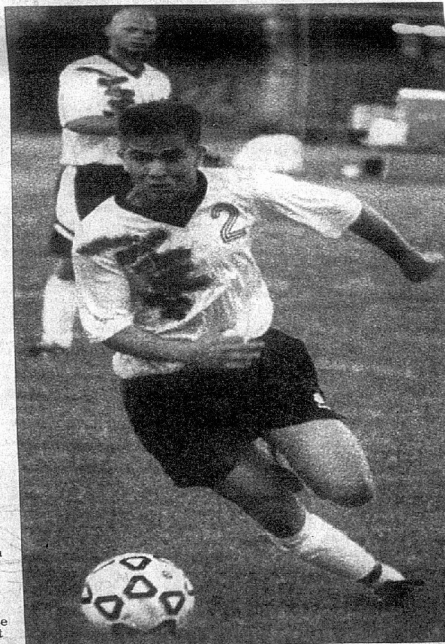
Nothing came of the play, but it was a creative attempt to make something happen in traffic — a characteristic that Granite City seems to be taking on.

Smith had another strong, active game. He excelled in the tight spaces, where the going got physical, and narrowly missed a goal when he slid into the keeper after great hustle to get to the ball.

When he got in the game, Jason Huleman was a blur of movement. He kept Granite City's lead intact when, late in the first half, he ran back to the defense with the Spartans pressing toward a good scoring chance.

Senior midfielder Steve Hendrickson and senior keeper Brandon Williams also stood out.

But this game was most



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City's Corey Winfield chases the ball during action last week. The Warriors were scheduled to play Vianney on Saturday.

notable for its physical play. Four yellow cards were issued, two to each side. Corey Winfield and Justin Stone were booked for Granite City; Matt Craine and Mike Blaine for Francis Howell Central.

Both teams were willing and capable of playing the body.

"We were expecting a good game, and we got it," said Granite City midfielder Ian Kessel, who put in another excellent performance.

"They're a very good team, and they played really tough. Their defense was great.

"We all played really well. We've got strong chemistry in this team and we all got along

Granite City JVs suffer first loss

Howell Central scores late goal to edge Warriors

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

After beating the Civic Memorial Eagles 3-0 on Tuesday, the Granite City Warriors junior varsity soccer team suffered a setback, a 2-1 loss to St. Charles County.

JV BOYS SOCCER

(Mo.) Francis Howell Central on Thursday night. Brent Hoevel scored for the Spartans with 50 seconds to go in the game, on a pass from Ryan Capuano.

The Warriors tried to launch a counter attack, but ran out of time.

Hoevel's goal came after steady, intense pressure by Granite City, particularly striker Neal Loftus. Loftus nailed a shot just over the crossbar as the second half began. Several other runs led to corners or chances in the box for his teammates.

Late in the game, he slid at the corner of the post to deflect a pass by Brian Carr, and just missed.

Minutes before the winning goal by Hoevel, Loftus nailed a left-footed shot that the Spartans keeper Danton Troyer dove to snatch.

Brian Carr, Jay Gensert and Nathan Gaudreault all played exceptional games for Granite City, and had several chances to score.

Carr's tip-volley in the 84th minute, right before Loftus' shot, just missed the net.

Like the varsity match that followed, the JV battle was a game of attrition.

Players started pushing on each other away from the play, and the referees had to step in to keep the peace.

Chad Bridgeman scored in the first half for the Warriors. Job Richardson

"I thought we played well enough to win. We just couldn't put it away. We had eight corners to their zero. Their keeper made nine saves. Our keeper made one."

Virgil Kirksey
Granite City JV coach

had the first goal for Francis Howell.

The Spartans had a great chance to take the lead at the end of the first half, when Granite City was called for a foul in the box.

Capuano took the penalty shot for Francis Howell in the 43rd minute, and rang it off the left post.

"This was our opening match," said Francis Howell Central coach Mike Caraffa. "Granite City had some competition under their belt."

I thought we played well. We moved the ball well, got our transition game going. We got away with some mistakes.

"I think the fitness level showed. Granite City was attacking more intensely at the end. Our keeper, Danton Troyer, kept us in it. He sparked us with the great save at the end."

"I thought we played well enough to win," said Granite City junior varsity coach Virgil Kirksey. "We just couldn't put it away. We had eight corners to their zero. Their keeper made nine saves. Our keeper made one."

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Warriors' Margrabe gets off to fast start

Scores three goals in three victories

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Equal parts hustle, skill, and imagination have contributed to the success of Granite City's leading goal-scorer through three games.

Granite City junior Dave Margrabe has wasted no time establishing himself as a scorer this fall.

In the first varsity soccer game of the season, against Peoria Richwoods, at the 22-minute mark, as a loose ball careened across the top of the 18-yard line, Margrabe tackled the Peoria defender and push-passed to score — just as Granite City coach Gene Baker demands.

"I kept it low on the ground, and it beat the keeper," said Margrabe.

In the next game, a 9-0 pasting of the Civic Memorial Eagles last Tuesday, Margrabe didn't even start — but his presence was felt as soon as he stepped on the field.

Margrabe took advantage of the offense's precise, controlled and effective attack to score again.

On Thursday, against St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell Central, Margrabe's goal stood up as the margin of victory in a 1-0 decision.

"I played varsity and junior varsity last year, but I didn't get much playing time," said Margrabe.

This fall, Margrabe has made his mark by knifing through defenses. And when an alley closes to his advance, he veers smoothly to the side to open a lane for his hard, accurate shot — or

a dish to an open teammate. Generosity is a key component of any team sport, and what makes Margrabe so dangerous is

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that he is also a gifted playmaker, creating chances — with Mike Smith, Brad Hutchings, Ian Kessel, or whoever is around — seemingly out of thin air.

Despite the paucity of varsity experience, at least in terms of minutes on the field, Margrabe has plenty of big-game experience.

"I played for the Elks under-17 team this summer," he said. "We got to go to a few tournaments. I played for the Elks when I was younger."

This year, for Granite City, we seem like a different team. We're closer, more together. Everyone has the desire, everyone is hungry for wins."

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Sports

Prep Football Results/Schedules

ALTHOFF
Coach: Glenn Schott
(0-1)August
28 at Oak Park Fenwick..... L 6-35September
4 at Belleville West..... 7-30 p.m.
11 at Cahokia..... 7:30 p.m.
19 Mayfield (Ky.)..... 6:30 p.m.
25 at Metamora..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Central..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Jackson (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Poplar Bluff (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.
24 Springfield Griffin..... 1 p.m.ALTON
Coach: Bob Shannon
(0-1)August
29 at Chicago Hubbard..... L 18-50September
4 Quincy..... 7:30 p.m.
11 East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.
25 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 Sikeston (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.BELLEVILLE EAST
Coach: Mike McGinnis
(0-1)August
29 at Moline..... L 7-21September
4 at Cahokia..... 7:30 p.m.
11 St. Louis Desmet..... 1:30 p.m.
18 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
25 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
9 East St. Louis..... 1:30 p.m.
16 at Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Alton..... 7:30 p.m.BELLEVILLE WEST
Coach: Larry Betz
(0-1)August
28 O'Fallon..... L 0-24September
4 Althoff..... 7:30 p.m.
11 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
25 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.CAHOKIA
Coach: Rob Eden
(1-0)August
28 Granite City..... W 26-14September
4 Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
11 Althoff..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Marion..... 7:30 p.m.
25 Carbondale..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Mount Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.COLLINSVILLE
Coach: Tim Kane
(1-0)August
28 Civic Memorial..... W 34-7September
4 at Mascoutah..... 7:30 p.m.
11 at Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
18 Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
25 Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Carlinville..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Edwardsville..... 1 p.m.COLUMBIA
Coach: Joe Iorio
(0-1)August
28 Quincy Notre Dame..... L 0-28September
4 at Chester..... 7:30 p.m.
11 Freeburg..... 7:30 p.m.
18 Red Bud..... 7:30 p.m.
25 at Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 Carlyle..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at DuPont..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Mater Dei..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Waterloo..... 7:30 p.m.DUPO
Coach: Gary Mauser
(1-0)August
28 at Sesser Valley..... W 20-14September
4 Newton..... 7 p.m.
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9 Columbia..... 7:30 p.m.
17 at Martinsville..... 2 p.m.
23 Chester..... 7:30 p.m.EAST ST. LOUIS
Coach: Torry Hill
(1-0)August
30 at Chicago Simeon..... W 20-8September
5 at St. Louis Sumner..... 6 p.m.
12 at St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.
19 Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.EDWARDSVILLE
Coach: Tim Dougherty
(1-0)August
28 Millington Central..... W 46-16September
4 St. Louis NRG..... 7:30 p.m.
11 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
18 Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
25 at East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Springfield (Mo.) Glendale..... 1 p.m.
16 Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.FREEBURG
Coach: Dave Bone
(1-0)August
28 at Roxana..... W 34-7September
4 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
11 at Columbia..... 7:30 p.m.
18 Quincy Notre Dame..... 7:30 p.m.
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2 DuPont..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Mater Dei..... 7:30 p.m.
16 Red Bud..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Nashville..... 7:30 p.m.GRANITE CITY
Coach: Nick Petrillo
(0-1)August
28 at Cahokia..... L 14-26September
4 O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.
11 Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.

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25 Waynesville (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.

October
2 at Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.

9 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.

16 at Mount Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.

23 at East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.

HIGHLAND
Coach: Mike Hooker
(1-0)August
28 at Carlinville..... W 28-0September
4 Mount Zion..... 7:30 p.m.
11 at Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
18 Civic Memorial..... 7:30 p.m.
25 Triad..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Jerseyville..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Waterloo..... 7:30 p.m.
16 Mascoutah..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Paris..... 7:30 p.m.MASCOUTAH
Coach: John Zerjal
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28 at Mount Vernon..... L 7-28September
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25 Jerseyville..... 7:30 p.m.October
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16 at Highland..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Chatham Glenwood..... 7:30 p.m.METRO EAST LUTHERAN
Coach: Todd Bentz
(0-1)August
29 Dugger (Ind.)..... L 0-8September
11 at Winfield (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Orchard Farm (Mo.)..... 7:30 p.m.
25 St. Louis Principia..... 1:30 p.m.October
3 at Mexico (Mo.) Missouri Military..... 1:30 p.m.
10 at Belleville..... 7:30 p.m.
17 at St. Louis Aquinas-Mercy..... 1:30 p.m.
24 St. Charles (Mo.)..... 2:30 p.m.O'FALLON
Coach: Gary Bridell
(1-0)August
28 at Cahokia..... L 14-26September
4 O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.
11 Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.October
2 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Springfield Griffin..... 11 a.m.
16 at St. Louis CBO..... 7 p.m.
23 at Edwardsville..... 7 p.m.October
21-28 Hazelwood Central (Mo.) Tournament..... TBA
28 at Belleville West..... 7 p.m.
30 O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.LEBANON
Coach: Dan Schubert
(0-0-1)August
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25 at Mascoutah..... 4 p.m.October
2 at Gibault..... 4 p.m.
9 at Centralia..... 4 p.m.
16 at Belleville East..... 4 p.m.
23 at St. Louis Central..... 4 p.m.October
1 Collinsville..... 7 p.m.
8 Ken Hudson Tournery (Fenton, Mo.)..... TBA
15 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central..... 7 p.m.
22 at St. Louis CBC..... 7 p.m.
29 at Alton..... 7 p.m.GIBAULT
Coach: Jim Corsi
(0-3)September
1 Highland..... L 0-2
8 O'Fallon..... L 1-2 (OT)
15 at Collinsville..... L 0-7
22 at Collinsville..... 4 p.m.
29 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.October
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11 St. Louis University High..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Mount Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
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11 St. Louis University High..... 7:30 p.m.
18 at Mount Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
25 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.

Boys soccer schedules/results

ALTHOFF
Coach: Dave Stosberg
(1-0-1)September
1 Belleville West..... W 1-0
3 Waterloo, at BAC..... 1-1
5 at Wood River..... 2 p.m.
8 Edwardsville..... 7 p.m.
10 at Mater Dei..... 4 p.m.
12 Carbondale..... noon
15 at O'Fallon..... 7 p.m.
18 at Quincy Notre Dame..... 11 a.m.
21-28 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central..... TBAOctober
1 at Springfield..... 4:30 p.m.
3 at Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Central..... 4 p.m.
5 at Weslin..... 4 p.m.
7 at Gibault..... 4 p.m.
9 at Edwardsville..... 4 p.m.
12-17 Alton Tournament..... TBA
19 Belleville East..... 4 p.m.BELLEVILLE EAST
Coach: Gary Carr
(1-0)August
29 Quincy..... W 5-1September
5 at St. Louis Univ. High..... 7 p.m.
8 Belleville (Mo.)..... 4 p.m.
10 at Oakville (Mo.)..... 4 p.m.
12 Arnold (Mo.) Fox..... 11 a.m.
15 at Edwardsville..... 4 p.m.
17 Collinsville..... 4 p.m.
21-28 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central..... TBAOctober
1 Belleville West..... 4 p.m.
3 at Granite City Tournament..... TBA
5 at Collinsville..... 4 p.m.
8 Granite City..... 4 p.m.
11 Granite City..... 4 p.m.
14 Chamunda..... 7 p.m.
17 at Belleville East..... 4 p.m.
20 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
23 Weslin..... TBABELLEVILLE WEST
Coach: Bill Houck
(1-2)August
29 at Weslin..... W 15-0September
1 Althoff..... L 0-1
3 Triad..... L 0-3
5 at Mater Dei..... 4 p.m.
8 at Alton..... 4 p.m.
10 at Edwardsville..... 7 p.m.
12 at Edwardsville..... 7 p.m.
15 Arnold (Mo.) Seekman..... 7 p.m.
18 Gibault..... 7 p.m.
21-28 at Carbondale..... 11 a.m.
29 at Carbondale..... TBA
30 Granite City..... 7 p.m.October
1 at Belleville East..... 4 p.m.5-10 Granite City Tournament..... TBA
11 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central, at BAC..... 4 p.m.
13 at Collinsville..... 7 p.m.
17 at Jackson (Mo.)..... 7 p.m.CAHOKIA
Coach: Craig Garin
(0-1)September
1 Waterloo..... L 1-4
4 at O'Fallon..... 7 p.m.
8 at Centralia..... 4:30 p.m.
11 Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
14 at Marion..... 4 p.m.
17 Metro East Lutheran..... 4 p.m.
20 Carbondale..... 2 p.m.
23 DuPont (Mo.) Tournament..... TBA
26 O'Fallon..... 4 p.m.October
1 East St. Louis..... 4 p.m.
4 Gibault..... 4 p.m.
7 at Centralia..... 4 p.m.
10 Carbondale..... 4:30 p.m.
13 at Carbondale..... 11 a.m.
16 at Marion..... 4 p.m.
19 at Waterloo Tournament..... TBA
22 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
25 Weslin..... TBACOLLINSVILLE
Coach: Ron Rowden
(0-2)September
1 O'Fallon..... L 0-1
3 at St. Louis Desmet..... L 2-3
5 St. Louis CBC..... 7 p.m.
8 at Gibault..... 4 p.m.
11 Granite City..... 4 p.m.
14 Chamunda..... 7 p.m.
17 at Belleville East..... 4 p.m.
20 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
23 at Alton..... 7 p.m.October
1 at Edwardsville..... 7 p.m.
4 at Highland..... 1 p.m.
7 at Alton Marquette..... 7 p.m.
10 Alton..... 4 p.m.
13 Triad..... 7 p.m.
16 Belleville East..... 7 p.m.
19 at Belleville West..... 7 p.m.
22 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central..... 5 p.m.COLUMBIA
Coach: Kent Hediger
(2-2)August
28 at Weslin..... W 7-0September
1 at Alton Marquette..... L 2-8
4 Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet..... 0-9
7 Manchester (Mo.) Kennedy..... 6 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)..... 4:15 p.m.
13 at St. Louis Dubourg..... 4:15 p.m.
16 Weslin..... 5 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor..... 4:15 p.m.October
28 at Weslin..... W 10-2
31 Wood River..... W 7-0September
1 at Alton Marquette..... L 2-8
4 Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet..... 0-9
7 Manchester (Mo.) Kennedy..... 6 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)..... 4:15 p.m.
13 at St. Louis Dubourg..... 4:15 p.m.
16 Weslin..... 5 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor..... 4:15 p.m.October
28 at Weslin..... W 10-2
31 Wood River..... W 7-0September
1 at Alton Marquette..... L 2-8
4 Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet..... 0-9
7 Manchester (Mo.) Kennedy..... 6 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)..... 4:15 p.m.
13 at St. Louis Dubourg..... 4:15 p.m.
16 Weslin..... 5 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor..... 4:15 p.m.October
28 at Weslin..... W 10-2
31 Wood River..... W 7-0September
1 at Alton Marquette..... L 2-8
4 Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet..... 0-9
7 Manchester (Mo.) Kennedy..... 6 p.m.
10 at Hillsboro (Mo.)..... 4:15 p.m.
13 at St. Louis Dubourg..... 4:15 p.m.
16 Weslin..... 5 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
22 at Imperial (Mo.) Windsor..... 4:15 p.m.23 at Mater Dei..... 4:15 p.m.
28 at Alton..... 7 p.m.October
5 at Waterloo..... 7 p.m.
8 Mater Dei..... 5 p.m.
10 at Gibault..... 2 p.m.
12-18 Waterloo Tournament..... TBA
19 Litchfield..... 6 p.m.
20 Pacific (Mo.)..... 6 p.m.EDWARDSVILLE
Coach: Mark Schwarzkopf
(0-1)September
1 at St. Charles (Mo.) Francis Howell North..... L 0-1
5 St. Charles (Mo.) West..... 11 a.m.
7 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central..... 7 p.m.
8 at Althoff..... 7 p.m.
10 Civic Memorial..... 11 a.m.
12 Belleville West..... 4 p.m.
15 Belleville East..... 4 p.m.
18 at St. Louis CBC..... 7 p.m.
21 at Hazelwood Central (Mo.) Tournament..... TBA
24 at Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette..... 4:30 p.m.October
1 Collinsville..... 7 p.m.
5 Ken Hudson Tournery (Fenton, Mo.)..... TBA
12 Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central..... 7 p.m.
15 at St. Louis CBC..... 7 p.m.
17 Mohave (Mo.)..... 1 p.m.
21 at Alton..... 7 p.m.GIBAULT
Coach: Jim Corsi
(0-3)September
1 Highland..... L 0-2
8 O'Fallon..... L 1-2 (OT)
15 at Collinsville..... L 0-7
22 at Collinsville..... 4 p.m.
29 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.October
5 at Cahokia..... 4 p.m.
12 at Alton..... 4 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
26 at Mater Dei..... 4 p.m.October
5 at Cahokia..... 4 p.m.
12 at Alton..... 4 p.m.
19 at Lebanon..... 4 p.m.
26 at Mater Dei..... 4 p.m.October
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Warriors defeat Howell Central 1-0

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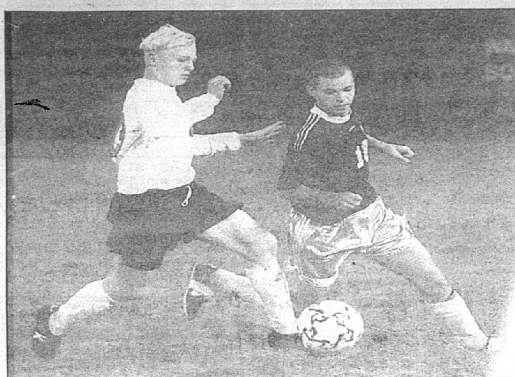
position and distributed the ball." When the Spartans took a hard tackle on one of Granite City players, the Warriors responded and showed a closeness which may be key later in the season.

"I want everybody to be aggressive," said Baker. "We'll be in a good situation if we maintain that attitude." Granite City's next scheduled game was Saturday night, at home against St. Louis powerhouse Vianney.

Correction

A recent story on the Granite City soccer team's victory Tuesday against Civic Memorial credited a goal on a beautiful header to the wrong Warriors player. The goal was scored by Jason Hileman.

Granite City's Mike Smith (left) has been a key player so far for the Warriors, who advanced to 3-0 on Thursday night with a 1-0 victory against Francis Howell Central.



Collinsville edged by DeSmet

Kahoks rallied but fell short

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

There is something about St. Louis Catholic high schools that brings out the best in the Collinsville High boys' soccer team. A year ago, the Kahoks locked horns with CBC and the two teams played a classic game that ended in a 3-3 tie. Two weeks later, the Kahoks played their best game of the season — a 0-0 tie with St. Louis University High. On Thursday night, Collinsville traveled to DeSmet to take on the defending Class 4A state champions for Missouri.

The Spartans jumped out to a comfortable 2-0 after 40 minutes of play. And just when it appeared DeSmet was set to cruise to an easy victory, the Kahoks came roaring back with goals by Joe McClary and Brad Smith. However, CHS could not overcome two goals by Pat Noonan and fell 3-2.

The Kahoks (0-2) were set to test their skills against another St. Louis powerhouse Saturday evening when they hosted CBC. The game marked the return of Chris Choate, who played two years of varsity soccer at Collinsville before he moved to St. Louis in the summer.

"CBC is going to let us after we tied them last year," Rowden said.

Margrave gets off to good start for Warriors

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"He wins tackles, and is very athletic," said Baker. "(Thursday's) goal was beautiful." "He complements Mike (Smith)

very well, and creates plays for his teammates."

Margrave also is complimentary to the veteran coach Baker.

"Coach Baker does a great job,"

said Margrave. "He communicates really well with the guys, and obviously knows what he's talking about."

As to keeping up this pace ... well, Margrave is not sure what the future

holds.

"I'd like to play soccer in college, but I'm not sure where yet," said Margrave. "Right now, I just want to keep working hard and keep putting the ball in the goal."

Granite City junior varsity team suffers first loss

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"We had great pressure with two strikers, and I decided to put in a third. We were going for the win."

"Unfortunately, that left us open and led to their goal."

Kirksey was especially impressed with Loftus.

"He played a really great game,"

said Kirksey. "He kept the pressure on them all night."

"It hurt us that the freshman had just played before us. It's hard to ask those guys to come in and play

back-to-back games.

"I think we just have to work on basic things, most notably finishing. We had a lot of chances that we didn't take advantage of."

O'Fallon turns back Collinsville for opening victory

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Was it a goal or not? Time seemed to stand still last Tuesday night at Kahok Stadium as two referees had to settle a controversial question during Collinsville's season-opening non-conference soccer game with O'Fallon.

O'Fallon was clinging to 1-0 lead with 27 minutes, 3 seconds remaining in the game when Collinsville's Brad

Smith unleashed a shot toward the Panthers' net. O'Fallon keeper Jason McGinty came off his line and attempted to push the shot over the crossbar. McGinty got a piece of the ball, but the ball ended up somewhere behind him.

The Collinsville players celebrated what they thought was a tying goal and lined up for the kickoff.

The O'Fallon players began waving off the goal. Panthers coach Rich Bickel, who was making his high school coaching debut, also began waving the goal off.

Meanwhile, a ball boy picked up

the ball behind the net rather than it. Both referees gathered in the middle of the field and then checked the net for holes through which the ball could slip.

After the inspection of the net, the referees made the correct call and waved off the goal.

Collinsville forced the issue the remainder of the contest but could not score the equalizer.

Despite Collinsville fans' disapproval with the call, Kahoks coach Ron Rowden did not complain about it. He did talk with both referees after the contest for a

clarification.

"It did go over the top," Rowden said. "It was close, but that's going to be part of the game we have to improve, because I feel we did have more chances than they did in the box."

Bickel admitted he was a bit nervous when the referees gathered to make a decision about the potential game-tying goal.

"It was a bang-bang play in front of the net," Bickel said. "We could tell it went over. We thought it went between the crossbar and the football pipe (crossbar). They checked the net

and there were no holes in the net and the ball was on the other side."

O'Fallon made Raymond James' first-half goal stand up for the margin of victory. James scored at the 20th minute.

The Kahoks had two solid opportunities, one being Smith's shot that created the controversy and the other being a chance by Dave Rhymier that McGinty deflected over the net at 63:53.

"I thought our kids played a beautiful second half, except for in the final third," Rowden said.

O'Fallon coach Bickel picks up his first win at alma mater's expense

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The soccer gods smiled upon Rich Bickel in a most unique way Tuesday evening.

Bickel's first victory as a high school

soccer coach could not have been written any better.

Bickel, a Collinsville resident, was standing on the sidelines at Kahok Stadium making his debut as the new head coach of the O'Fallon Panthers.

And just like one of those corny, feel-good movies, one had the feeling the Panthers would pull out all the stops to propel Bickel to his first victory.

O'Fallon senior Raymond James netted the lone goal of the game as goalkeeper Jason McGinty thwarted several

CHS scoring chances.

As the referee blew his whistle to signal the end of the contest, Bickel leaped and thrust both fists into the air to celebrate the Panthers' 1-0 triumph.

"Collinsville has knocked us out of the playoffs the last two seasons," said Bickel, who replaced Art Voellinger as coach. "I think a lot of area programs use Collinsville, Granite City, even

Edwardsville, as a benchmark. We're just happy to win the game. "The thing that makes this

special is to get a win over a very good soccer team. The reason our fans are excited and the reason we're excited is because of the tremendous success and achievement they've had here."

"I have a lot of respect for (Collinsville) Coach (Ron) Rowden. He is a great coach. He has set a standard that other coaches aspire to and this is my first game."

With the opening win in hand, Bickel is ready to get the Panthers moving toward a successful season.

"It's a very satisfying

feeling, but you can't get too excited after one game,"

Bickel said. "We've got 20-plus other games to play. If we use this game as a springboard to better things, then it means something. If we don't, it's a one-night good feeling."

The Bickel name is familiar to local soccer fans. The O'Fallon coach's sister, Amanda Bickel, played this past spring for the state-qualifying Collinsville girls team. Amanda is a senior this year at CHS.

Bickel, himself, did not play soccer at the high school level for the Kahoks.

"I played select, rec soccer and club soccer," Bickel said. "Here in Collinsville, I played for the Hurricanes growing up but I didn't play at Collinsville High School."

Rowden wished Bickel the best in his future coaching endeavors.

"You want to start your career off on a high note and beat Collinsville," Rowden said. "I guess we are a good team if everybody is gunning to beat us."

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Granite City Parks District

GRANITE CITY PARKS DISTRICT SOFTBALL	
35-and-over League	
Team.....	W-L
Eagles.....	6-2
Bindy's.....	7-2
Jacobsmeyers/Bud Light.....	4-5
Jacobsmeyers.....	4-7
M.H.C.....	1-8
Scores	
Jacobsmeyers 24, Bindy's 6.	
Eagles 32, M.H.C. 1.	
Bindy's 26, M.H.C. 7.	
Sonny Antoff	
60-and-over League	
Team.....	W-L
M.C.I.....	6-0
A.G. Edwards.....	3-3
Hoch & Sixteen.....	2-5
Dairy Queen/Old Rockies.....	2-5
Scores	
D.Q. Old Rockies 6, Hoch & Sixteen 3.	
Seniors 50-and-over	
Team.....	W-L
Metros.....	9-3
Supreme Dogs.....	8-4
Andean Warriors.....	7-5
U.S. Patriot.....	6-6
A.G. Edwards.....	4-8
Dr. Jacks.....	2-10
Men 4A	
Team.....	W-L
Bindy's/Bud Light.....	10-2
T's Bar & Grill.....	9-3
Dooley Appraisal.....	3-8
Electric Mud Puppies.....	2-10
Scores	
Bindy's/Bud Light 18, Mud Puppies 4.	
T's Bar & Grill 13, Dooley Appraisal 5.	
Bindy's/Bud Light 20, T's Bar & Grill 8.	
Men 1A	
Team.....	W-L
G.C. Pest Kickapoo.....	9-2
Y.T.S.....	9-2
Tower Automotive.....	8-1
Dawgs.....	6-4
Shipley Chiropractic.....	6-4
Bad Boys.....	5-5
Walters Sheet Metal.....	5-6
European Tanners.....	3-8
Huntco Steel.....	3-8
Hideaway Cafe.....	1-10
Gateway Packers.....	0-9
Scores	
Y.T.S. 30, Hideaway Cafe 15.	
Tower Automotive 26, Walter Sheet Metal 24.	
G.C. Pest Kickapoo 16, Hideaway Cafe 4.	
Bad Boys 22, European Tanners 17.	
Walter Sheet Metal 12, Huntco Steel 6.	
Dawgs 21, Shipley Chiropractic 16.	
Men 3A	
Team.....	W-L
Pigs.....	8-3
Hook's.....	7-5
Jackson Homes.....	7-5
Multicare Specialists.....	6-6
Bindy's II.....	6-6
Bindy's/Country Company.....	1-11
Scores	
Hook's 9, Jackson Homes 4.	
Pigs 10, Bindy's II 9.	
Men 3A Blue	
Team.....	W-L
Outlaws.....	9-2
Info's Gamecocks.....	8-2
Bolt Blasters.....	6-5
Paddy McD's.....	5-4
G.C. Soccer.....	5-3
American Colloid.....	3-9
Midnight Outlaws.....	1-7
Scores	
Outlaws 22, Midnight Outlaws 9.	
G.C. Soccer 7, American Colloid 0.	
Men 5A	
Team.....	W-L
Hook's.....	7-1
Budman.....	6-3
Kramden's.....	5-3
Pest-Beatty-Motil.....	4-5
Team Performance.....	3-6
T's Roughriders.....	2-7
Men 6A	
Team.....	W-L
Pizza World.....	7-2
Jacobsmeyers/Miller Light.....	6-2
K of C Lounge.....	5-3
Ernie & Annie's.....	2-5
K of C.....	2-6
Jim's Paws & Jewelry.....	2-6
Church 2A	
Team.....	W-L
New Life Assembly.....	8-2
Grace Baptist II.....	8-4
Nameki United Methodist.....	7-4
First Church of Nazarene.....	5-5
Suburban Baptist.....	4-6
Full Gospel Fellowship.....	4-7
Norm Grote	
Church 3A	
Team.....	W-L
Suburban.....	9-0
St. John.....	8-1
Calvary Baptist-Edwardsville.....	5-4
Calvary Baptist.....	5-4
Harvest Assembly.....	1-6
First Assembly.....	2-7
Word of Life.....	0-10
Women 1A	
Team.....	W-L
Hoch & Sixteen.....	11-1
G.C. Park District.....	7-3
American Family Insurance.....	7-3
Golf U.S.A.....	3-5
Buenger Accounting.....	3-8
Sammy's Wildcats.....	2-9
Pace Setters.....	4-6
Scores	
Pace Setters 16, Buenger Accounting 11.	
Hoch & Sixteen 15, G.C. Park District 11.	
Hoch & Sixteen 13, Sammy's Wildcats 3.	
Women 2A	
Team.....	W-L
Sandy's Dye Hards.....	8-1
Wilson Park Apartments.....	5-3
Jacobsmeyers.....	5-4
Thomas Mortuary.....	3-4
Medicine Shoppe III, Classics.....	0-8
Scores	
Jacobsmeyers 6, Medicine Shoppe 4.	
Sandy's Dye Hards 14, Wilson Park Apartments 2.	
Jacobsmeyers 23, Medicine Shoppe 9.	
Women 3A	
Team.....	W-L
Bindy's.....	11-1
American Auto.....	10-2
Jacobsmeyers.....	5-6
Kramden's.....	3-9
City Temple.....	0-12
Scores	
American Auto 14, Bindy's 1.	
Bindy's 10, Kramden's 9.	
Women 5A	
Team.....	W-L
Ingleside.....	7-1
William Schooley Law Office.....	7-2
Jacobsmeyers.....	6-3
Dan Palovick State Farm.....	6-4
M.H.C.W.A.....	5-4
Smoky Joe's.....	3-4
Allied Waste.....	3-0
Little People Day Care.....	1-7
Cheers.....	1-8
Scores	
Schooley Law Office 14, Palovick State Farm 9.	
Smoky Joe's 20, Cheers 7.	
Ingleside 24, Jacobsmeyers 4.	
Allied Waste 21, Little People Day Care 4.	
Allied Waste 12, M.H.C.W.A. 11.	
Coed Blue	
Team.....	W-L
Evolution.....	10-2
Jerry's Kids.....	8-4
Rocky's Downtown.....	7-5
Freebirds.....	5-7
Capri Sun.....	4-9
Rookies.....	2-10
Scores	
Evolution 7, Freebirds 0.	
Rocky's Downtown 20, Jerry's Kids 12.	
Evolution 17, Rocky's Downtown 14.	
Coed Red	
Team.....	W-L
D & C Sheet Metal.....	5-4
Ingleside.....	8-2
Sitting Ducks.....	7-4
D & C Sheet Metal.....	5-4
Ford Hotel Supply.....	3-7
Harvest Assembly.....	1-9
Assembly D.....	2-8
Scores	
Scotty's Automatic 7, Harvest Assembly 0.	
Ingleside 15, Sitting Ducks 11.	
El Gato 21, D & C Sheet Metal 2.	
Ford Hotel Supply 23, Assembly D 6.	
YOUTH BASEBALL	
Atom I	
Team.....	W-L
Bombers.....	12-0
Dodgers.....	9-2
Golf U.S.A. Gators.....	9-3
Cardinals (Costillo).....	6-6
Giants.....	6-6
Angels.....	4-8
Elks.....	3-8
Blue Eagles.....	3-8
Cardinals (Cathley).....	2-10
Scores	
Bombers 18, Golf U.S.A. 14.	
Golf U.S.A. 23, Dodgers 24.	
Bombers 28, Cardinals (Costillo) 15.	
Atom II	
Team.....	W-L
AFSCME A's.....	12-0
G.C. Elks.....	10-2
Raptors.....	8-4
Cubs.....	5-7
Panthers.....	3-8
Warriors.....	2-10
Scores	
Eagles 18, Raptors 3.	
Eagles 23, Elks 10.	
Elks 14, AFSCME A's 9.	
Bantam I	
Team.....	W-L
Olympic Environmental.....	8-4
Elks Cardinals.....	7-4
Bobcats.....	7-5
Elks White Rangers.....	6-6
Jason's Ice Cream Factory.....	1-10
Scores	
Elks Cardinals 12, Bobcats 2.	
Olympic Environmental 15, Elks White Rangers 12.	
Elks Cardinals 5, Olympic Environmental 3.	
Bantam II	
Team.....	W-L
Legal Eagles.....	11-1
Patterson Tire Tigers.....	9-3
Gram Slammers.....	9-3
Moose Lodge Jaguars.....	5-7
Spalngard Sharks.....	5-7
Pizza World/Panthers.....	3-9
G.C. Elks.....	0-11
Scores	
Legal Eagles 16, M.L. Jaguars 5.	
Patterson Tire 24, Gram Slammers 2.	
Patterson Tire 10, Legal Eagles 7.	
Midget I	
Team.....	W-L
Hornets.....	11-1
Matt's Muttler Indians.....	8-4
Eagles.....	6-6
O'Brien's Colts.....	4-8
Knights.....	1-11
Scores	
Eagles 13, Indians 10.	
Hornets 10, Colts 2.	
Hornets 17, Eagles 5.	
Midget II	
Team.....	W-L
D.Q. Menaces.....	10-1
VFW 1300.....	7-5
Indians.....	7-5
Bobcats.....	6-6
Little Angels.....	4-7
Tigers.....	4-8
White Sox.....	1-11
Scores	
D.Q. Menaces 5, G.C. Elks 0.	
VFW 1300 9, Indians 8.	
O'Quinn's 7, VFW 1300 4.	
Juvenile	
Team.....	W-L
Wood River P.S.G.....	10-2
G.C. Suns	
Police Saints.....	10-2
Mike Hahn Towing.....	6-6
SW A's.....	5-7
Blue Jays.....	3-9
Moose.....	2-10
Scores	
Wood River P.S.G. 12, Saints 1.	
G.C. Suns 13, Mike Hahn Towing 4.	
Wood River P.S.G. 13, G.C. Suns 7.	
YOUTH SOFTBALL	
Ponytail Atom	
Team.....	W-L
Rain Tunnel Monsoons.....	12-0
Modern Woodmen Warriors.....	8-3
Stingers.....	6-6
Sweetarts.....	3-7
Purple Pumas.....	2-8
Hot Shots.....	2-8
Scores	
Rain Tunnel 20, Woodmen Warriors 11.	
Woodmen Warriors 8, Stingers 7.	
Rain Tunnel 26, Sweetarts 9.	
Ponytail Bantam	
Team.....	W-L
Thunder.....	11-0
Curly Corner Market.....	9-2
G.C. Moose Wildcats II.....	8-4
Merz Chiropractic.....	6-6
G.C. Elks.....	6-6
Little Angels.....	3-9
Unicorns.....	1-11
Lady Bugs.....	2-10
Scores	
Merz Chiropractic 6, Thunder 4.	
Merz Chiropractic 11, Wildcats II 4.	
Wildcats II 6, Curly's Market 1.	
Ponytail Midget	
Team.....	W-L

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Miller Genuine Draft	51	45	.531 7249
Kuna Mads	37	59	.385 7062
West Park Bowl	20	76	.208 7114

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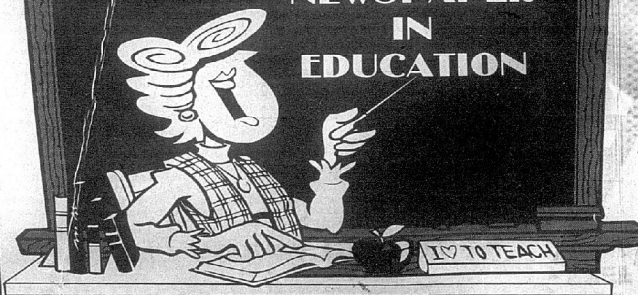
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Nissan's Frontier pickup is civilized, practical

By Tom Strongman

One of my cycling buddies and I were barreling down the highway with our dirty mountain bikes in back when the perfect description of Nissan's Frontier King Cab hit me. Even though it can haul like a small car, it drives with the ease of a small car.

Our bikes hardly taxed its capacity, but they, along with stuff like yard mulch, lawn mowers and camping gear, typify the kind of light hauling most people do with compact trucks. Most compact pickup trucks end up being used for personal driving, commuting and such. They are fun to drive, and more importantly, they are not cars, which heightens their appeal. Some folks see small trucks filling the same niche that sports cars did 20 years ago.

The only inconvenience I noted with this truck was the lack of a third door, which necessitated pitching our gear over the seats into the cargo hold. The tip/slide seat on the passenger side helped when it came to gaining access to the area behind the seats, but it would have been so much easier with a door.

When the Frontier was launched last fall, it was Nissan's (formerly Datsun) seventh-generation truck. The company sold its first compact truck almost 40 years ago, and in the intervening years it pioneered items such as the long-bed, extended-cab and half-ton capacity.

Seen in that context, the Frontier, built at Nissan's plant in Smyrna, Tenn., is far more civilized than its forebears. It is available in three trim levels, in two- and four-wheel drive and in regular and King

Cab versions. Our test truck was a two-wheel-drive King Cab XE.

Exterior styling is clean and free of gimmicks. The standard cab is 9.7 inches longer, while the King Cab is 6.1 inches longer, and the extra room is welcome. The ladder frame was stiffened by the addition of a plate to close the rear section, a second cross member was added to reduce floor vibration and the back panel of the cab is thicker.

The 2.4-liter, 16-valve engine has 143 horsepower. Coupled to the automatic transmission, acceleration is leisurely but adequate, yet out on the interstate it romps along without breaking a sweat. The manual transmission would make it feel livelier, I suspect, but more power would be welcome. Nissan has announced that for 1999 the King Cab 4X4 gets a 3.3-liter V-6 with 170 horsepower. I would hope this engine eventually is available across the model range.

Two-wheel-drive trucks have anti-lock rear brakes, while 4X4s get anti-lock on all four brakes.

Speaking of the future, Nissan has confirmed the Frontier platform will be the basis for both a four-door pickup and a sport-utility vehicle for the year 2000. Nissan recently took the wraps off its SUV, or sport-utility truck, a concept vehicle that combines the virtues of both. Plans for the SUV are not definite, but it is an intriguing idea that may see production if public reaction is favorable.

The cabin of our King Cab test vehicle had bucket seats in front and side-mounted jump seats that fold down from the side walls of the cargo space. As I mentioned, access to these seats, and this

space, is hindered by the lack of a third door.

The instrument panel has gauges as clear and legible as those in any Nissan sedan. Dual air bags are standard, and the one on the passenger side can be turned off with a key. The radio, similar to that in other Nissan products, is mounted up high in the dash where the driver can reach it easily.

Controls for heating and cooling, a combination of rotary dials and sliding levers, are blocked by the column-mounted shift lever for the automatic transmission. I also found myself frequently bumping the wiper stalk while selecting gears. You can shift out of overdrive with a button on the end of the gear lever, and that is handy for passing or climbing hills.

The cargo bed is 17.1 inches deep. Notches in the sidewalls enable it to be configured for two-tier hauling or divided into three compartments, with partition boards.

With the Frontier, Nissan took a conservative approach to redesigning its popular truck. As such, hard-core truck lovers might find it too much like a car. But for the most part, folks who use their trucks for daily driving likely will find its car-like qualities appealing.

Our test vehicle had a base price of \$15,690. Options included power windows, power mirrors, power locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, tachometer, interval wipers, sliding rear window, fender flares and body-side graphics.

The sticker price was \$18,107. The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Points & Plugs

Low-speed crashes often damage SUVs

You can bounce them over rocky mountain roads, but don't back them into trees. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has crash-tested seven small sport-utility vehicles and found that each suffered \$1,000 to \$2,900 in damage when backed into a pole at 5 mph.

The 1998 Jeep Wrangler suffered no damage when driven forward into a flat barrier. The Subaru Forester came up with no ill effects when backed into the flat barrier. When driven forward into an angled barrier the seven vehicles received damages estimated at \$351 to \$1,355 to repair. (The other five vehicles in the group were the Honda CR-V, Jeep Cherokee, Isuzu Amigo, Toyota RAV4 and Kia Sportage.)

When the vehicles were backed into a pole, the Honda CR-V suffered the least amount of damage — \$1,017. At the other end of the spectrum, repairs to the Toyota RAV4 were estimated at \$2,175 and to the Kia Sportage at \$2,093.

The institute says the problem with some of the sport-utes is the mounting of their spare tires on the back door. When backed into an object, the tire is struck before the bumper and passes the impact on to the tailgate and rear window. The Wrangler and Forester, which do not carry their spare tires outside the tailgate, survived the crash tests with the smallest amounts of damage.

Volkswagen is working on its own sport-utility vehicle, but don't expect it to invoke memories of the old VW bus that was popular in the '60s and '70s. This vehicle is expected to weigh in with a 10- or 12-cylinder engine and a sticker price of more than \$50,000. The only hippies who will be driving it will have to be selling a lot of tie-dyed shirts — or stocks and bonds — to sit behind the wheel. The chassis will be shared by Porsche, which will install its own engine and charge more than \$80,000 a copy.

Even Cadillac soon will have a sport-utility vehicle. The 1999 Escalade shares its body and frame with the GMC Denali and comes equipped with automatic four-wheel-drive and the full leather interior treatment. The available paint colors will be Aspen White, Bordeaux Red, Silver Sand and Sable Black, but the leather comes only in Parchment White.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration probably will issue new rules placing dimmer bulbs in the daytime running lights now fitted to new vehicles. The dimmer lights are supposed to make vehicles more visible to surrounding traffic, but the government has received hundreds of complaints about the glare caused by the bright lights.

The high positioning of headlights on the growing fleet of trucks and sport-utility vehicles is part of the problem. To assist car manufacturers in making the transition to softer light, the government proposes to phase in a change over four years. The change would dim the daytime lights from 7,000 to 3,000 candela in the first year and end up at 1,500 candela for the 2003 model year.

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